

75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee on Consumer Protection & Public Affairs

MINORITY REPORT
MEASURE: HB 2470 B
CARRIER: Sen. Girod

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Eng Measure (Printed B-Eng.)

Signers of the Report: Sen. Girod and Sen. George

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Meeting Dates: 5/12, 5/19

WHAT THE MINORITY REPORT DOES: Prohibits possessing, controlling or otherwise having charge of more than 50 sexually-intact dogs aged two years or older for primary purpose of reproduction unless onsite supervision is provided for at least eight hours a day. Requires ratio of one onsite supervisor to no more than 50 dogs. Defines prima facie evidence of primary purpose of reproduction as possessing five litters of dogs less than eight months of age. Requires certain recordkeeping by persons possessing 50 or more sexually-intact dogs eight months or older. Makes violation Class B misdemeanor subject to suspended sentence if violation is remedied by spaying or neutering a sufficient number of dogs to remedy violation. Establishes certain standards of care for persons possessing 10 or more sexually-intact dogs four months or older. Requires daily onsite oversight if person possesses 50 or more dogs. Creates certain exceptions for animal control agencies, humane society, shelters, veterinary facilities, boarding kennels, training kennels and transportation providers. Adds definitions for training and training kennel. Specifies conditions under which pet dealer must provide refund, replacement, or care reimbursement to dog purchaser if veterinarian determines dog suffers disease or certain congenital disorder. Requires pet dealer to provide certain information to dog purchaser. Removes exclusion for animal control agency, humane society or animal shelter from definition of pet dealer.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Training kennels
- Exercise requirements
- Standards of care in commercial breeding operations
- Criminal sanctions for animal abuse
- Provisions pertaining to maximum number of dogs
- Current animal abuse laws
- Application of provisions to small pet dealer
- Imported dogs
- Hobby breeders

EFFECT OF MINORITY AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: Agencies, entities and persons involved in animal care and control cite examples of perceived inadequate care of dogs in commercial breeding operations. Animal control agencies also report difficulty in enforcing minimum care standards. House Bill 2470B, as amended by the minority report, addresses these concerns by specifying several different standards of care than the committee report. The minority report allows the maximum number of sexually-intact dogs to be greater than 50 if there is adequate onsite supervision. It also adds provisions related to dog training and training kennels and excludes training kennels from the restrictions on how many sexually-intact dogs can be possessed or controlled by a person for the primary purpose of reproduction. The minority report also removes a provision excluding an animal control agency, humane society or animal shelter from the definition of pet dealer.

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