

Submitter: Sheila Dooley

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

Please support SB 85, the factory farm moratorium bill. The study of confined/concentrated animal feeding operations needs to include a study of the animal welfare issues involved.

I have the following animal welfare concerns with these farms:

Concentrated animals feeding operations (CAFOs) or factory farms maximize profits by treating animals not as sentient creatures, but as production units. Animals are treated as mere commodities, often crammed together in barren pens so tightly that they can barely move with no natural light or stimuli. These animals aren't protected by the Animal Welfare Act.

People complain about the gases released but I can't imagine what cows go through crowded in barns and having to breathe air polluted by methane gas resulting from the manure with no way to escape it. I remember the barns at Tillamook reeking from miles away.

Veal calves are taken away from their mothers at birth and spend their entire lives inside buildings, never going outside. Their cages are often so small they can't turn around or use their muscles, which is done in order to keep their muscles/meat tender.

Pigs are among the most intelligent animals on the planet (smarter than dogs) and perhaps suffer the most. They can be driven insane after spending their lives with no mental stimulation, serving as breeding machines in small cages and unable to nurture their piglets. They never see the sunlight or breathe fresh air. They suffer physical and mental torment before being sent to slaughter.

The examples above only begin to describe what takes place on these farms.

This is beyond cruel.

We don't need more animals living under these conditions.

Thank you,

Sheila Dooley