
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A SUNRISE ANALYSIS FOR THE REGISTRATION OF PET
DEALERS IN HAWAI'I.

1 WHEREAS, there are more than three hundred fifty-three
2 million animal companions in the United States, and more than
3 sixty-one per cent of households own a pet; and
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5 WHEREAS, pets, specifically dogs and cats, are purchased or
6 obtained from multiple sources, such as pet stores, breeders,
7 animal shelters, and adoption agencies; and
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9 WHEREAS, certain breeders are driven by the profit motive
10 and in some cases, do not take precautionary measures to protect
11 newborn dogs and cats from diseases or genetic predispositions;
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14 WHEREAS, some breeders are professionals who treat and care
15 for their animals, and others breed dogs and cats for a certain
16 appearance or size, with the result that many live uncomfortable
17 tragic lives because their bodily and brain functions are
18 inhibited; and
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20 WHEREAS, the State has an interest in protecting the
21 welfare of dogs and cats from cruelty and exploitation, as well
22 as protecting Hawaii's consumers from less-than-reputable pet
23 breeders and dealers; and
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25 WHEREAS, pet dealers are currently an unregulated
26 profession and section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires
27 that any new regulatory measure being considered for enactment
28 in this State concerning heretofore unregulated professions and
29 occupations must be referred to the Auditor for analysis; now,
30 therefore,
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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
33 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
34 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is requested to
35 conduct a sunrise analysis of the registration of pet dealers in



1 Hawai'i as contemplated under H.B. No. 1842, introduced during the
2 Regular Session of 2009; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
5 submit any findings and recommendation, including any proposed
6 legislation, to the Legislature not later than twenty days prior
7 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2010; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce and
11 Consumer Affairs, the Chairperson of the Board of Veterinary
12 Examiners and the Executive Director of the Hawaiian Humane
13 Society.

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