

I am writing in support of SB1076, to require that animal breeders be licensed. I have seen the effects of sweet animals who can't find anyone to adopt them. They face fear, uncertainty, false hope whenever someone is nice to them, but often loneliness, and ultimately in too many cases, euthanasia. Breeders view this process as just a way to make money, and often don't even bother to have the animal neutered or spayed, further worsening the overpopulation problem. I have been involved in a rescue organization, and it is heartbreaking to have to deal with the fallout of indiscriminate and thoughtless animal breeding. Breeding needs to be regulated. Shelters have been at capacity, and this has worsened with the coronavirus epidemic and as the economy declines, with people no longer able to care for their pets and sending them back to shelters. Passage of this bill should be a no-brainer.

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