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On Behalf Of:	
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I oppose SB 1076.

My children participate in the wonderful 4H program which allows them to learn about and raise very well cared-for animals. Currently, they raise pigs, goats, sheep and rabbits, and the animals are raised for either breeding or for slaughter. Often, they breed only once before moving on to the next animal to raise/show. They often sell the offspring/adults to help cover their costs of animal feed and care. They have learned a tremendous amount about animal welfare, managing time and money, and the best practices of business farming. A license to breed/sell animals would be cost-prohibitive for the number of animals we breed/sell. Even a sliding scale is too much.

A bill like this is not only a stretch for more government control, but will only encourage heavy breeding for those that move forward with the license. In order to make it a worthwhile expenditure, you can be assured people will increase the number of animals they breed/sell to cover the costs of additional licensing or to meet non-specific housing/care requirements, because no one will purchase a license to sell a single animal or sell a single litter. Or, if there are accidental breedings, as happens with cats and dogs on occasion, someone who cannot afford the license would then be inclined to dump the kittens/puppies at shelters or on the streets, leading to more strays and disease.

It is also absolutely governmental overreach to allow someone to come onto any property at any time to inspect and approve/disapprove of our care for our animals without cause, particularly when standard of care, facilities, and such are not specified. Just because someone sells animals, does not make them a breeding facility nor should there be such steep penalties for not abiding to non-specified requirements. It's absurd.

I strongly urge you to pass on this bill entirely.