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I am writing to oppose:

H.B. No. 6565 AN ACT CONCERNING HUMANE EDUCATION.

PUBLIC HEARING: To encourage the inclusion of principles of humane education in the curriculum of public schools.

The concept of humane education is an excellent one. I oppose this bill because in reality, the execution of any program may border on extremist propaganda. The wording in this bill opens up questions as to who will be teaching these classes and from what sources of information will the teaching material come from? Who are the "third Party donors"? - Does this mean that funds will be paid by PETA or other organizations to educate our children on unfounded and extreme radical views? Organizations such as these are known to have committed "terrorist acts" in efforts to be recognized.

There are organizations that often make assertions, negative and untrue statements that are based on hearsay rather than scientific study. I would not want to see a Humane Education program with donors such as PETA that have unfounded and extreme radical views present material to our children. It is important that our children get educated, but not at the cost of propaganda.

Thank you.

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