

Testimony Concerning HB 5707
Environment Committee, March 17, 2015
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I would like to express my support of **HB 5707, AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES THAT CONDUCT RESEARCH USING CATS OR DOGS TO OFFER SUCH CATS OR DOGS TO ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS PRIOR TO EUTHANIZING ANY SUCH CAT OR DOG AND PROVIDING FOR THE PROPER SHELTERING OF DOGS.**

As a former employee of a local humane society, I care deeply about the welfare of all animals, domestic, farmed, or wild. HB 5707 would be a small step in the right direction for two types of companion animals, cats and dogs, by showing compassion to these animals first by giving them chance at a kinder life after they've suffered through experimentation at our educational institutions, and second by ensuring that legally, dogs are afforded the proper shelter necessary to prevent their suffering outdoors. This law would define "proper shelter," giving police and animal control officers the power they need to enforce the law.

Thank you,

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