

Testimony Concerning H.B. 5707
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I would like to thank the Environmental Committee for the opportunity to express my support of H.B. 5707, a bill to require proper shelter of dogs and cats and require that research facilities using dogs or cats offer the animals to rescue organizations prior to euthanizing.

It shames me that we need this bill to begin with. How we treat animals goes a long way to defining us as a society. Unfortunately, there are many in our society who put profits ahead of decency and this is why we need laws such as H.B. 5707. Without such laws, there are no protections for the animals that depend on us. These research animals are routinely subjected to harsh, and often unnecessary, testing all in an effort to provide us with safer products and medicines. We owe it to them to make their time in the laboratories as humane as possible and then for a chance to know love and kindness once their service is over.

Please, support this Bill and allow it to go to a full vote.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to testify and I do hope you will strongly support this important piece of legislation.

Thank you,

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