

Planning and Development Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5282

AN ACT CONCERNING THE TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE HUMANE

Title: TREATMENT OF ANIMALS IN MUNICIPAL AND REGIONAL SHELTERS.

Vote Date: 3/16/2018

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Planning & Development Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill is intended to reinstate The Task Force to Study the Humane Treatment of Animals in Municipal and Regional Shelters. The task force has a number of issues they are still working on and are looking to be reinstated.

Substitute Language:

The substitute language would require at two legislator appointments to the task-force.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Mark Bailey: Mark Bailey supports this bill. Mark is on the Task Force, and states that they have made progress in helping the best practices in humanely dealing with animals.

Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM): CCM supports this bill. CCM suggests to amend the bill so that the task force does not need to be renewed next year and can continue its work in perpetuity.

First Selectman Michael Freda: First Selectman Michael Freda supports this bill. He summarizes the work the task force has performed in influencing private and public policies & best practices.

Annie Hornish, The Humane Society of the United States: The Human Society of the United States supports this bill. They state that Michael Freda has led the task force and is doing good work.

Sergeant Paula Keller: Sergeant Keller supports this bill. The suggestions from the task force have made tangible positive differences in animal shelters.

Connecticut votes for animals Susan Linker: Susan Linker supports this bill. She suggests that the bill be amended to allow the task force to continue indefinitely.

Sen. Looney: Sen. Looney supports this bill, the task force, and its work.

Connecticut Federation of Dog Clubs and Responsible Dog Owners, Inc. (CFD): CFD supports this bill. CFD supports the bill as written, but has certain concerns about some of the policy positions that the task force have discussed.

Paula Poplawski New Britain Animal Welfare Commission: supports this bill. The work of the task force has made progress, but there is still more to go.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None.

Reported by: Colin Carroll

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