

SB 5651-S.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares that: (1) Current Washington state laws are inadequate regarding the care and husbandry of dogs in large-scale breeding facilities;

(2) No Washington state agency currently regulates large-scale breeding facilities;

(3) The United States department of agriculture does not regulate large-scale breeding facilities; and

(4) An unfair fiscal burden is placed on city, county, and state taxpayers as well as government agencies and nongovernmental organizations, who are required to care for discarded or abused and neglected dogs from large-scale breeding facilities.

Prohibits a person from owning, possessing, controlling, or otherwise having charge or custody of more than fifty dogs with intact sexual organs over the age of six months at any time.

Prescribes penalties.