

SB 5651 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Declares that: (1) Current Washington state laws are inadequate regarding the care and husbandry of dogs in puppy mills;

(2) No Washington state agency currently regulates puppy mills;

(3) The United States department of agriculture does not regulate puppy mills; 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 puppy mills.

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

Prescribes penalties.