

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6061

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As of March 29, 2007

**Title:** An act relating to the confinement of a caged egg laying hen.

**Brief Description:** Concerning the confinement of a caged egg laying hen.

**Sponsors:** Senators Tom, Weinstein, Kohl-Welles, Prentice and Poulsen.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Agriculture & Rural Economic Development:

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Staff:** Bob Lee (786-7404)

**Background:** The state animal cruelty law contains provisions to determine whether a particular act constitutes a violation of animal cruelty laws.

**Summary of Bill:** Licensed egg producers must provide enough living space for caged egg laying hens so that each hen has sufficient space to fully extend both wings without touching the sides of the living space or other birds. An egg laying hen include female chicken, turkey, duck, goose, or guinea used for egg production.

Producers that do not provide this amount of space are guilty of restrictive confinement of a caged egg laying hen which is a gross misdemeanor and punishable by up to one year in jail and a fine of up to \$5,000.

This act takes effect on January 1, 2009.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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