

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2022
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB851

Hearing Date: Wednesday March 02, 2022
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Wishart
One Liner: Change enforcement procedures and redefine terms related to certain crimes involving animals

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Brandt, DeBoer, Geist, Lathrop, McKinney, Morfeld, Pansing
Brooks, Slama

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Anna Wishart

Representing:

Introducer

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Section 1 would amend Sec. 28-1008 to change the definition of "cruelly mistreat" in the context of offenses against animals. This section would add "kick, hit, or strike". This section would also add the caveat that the actor has "no justifiable purpose" for cruelly mistreating the animal. This section would also expand the definition of "repeated beating" to include strikes to an animal that result in serious illness.

Section 2 would amend Sec. 28-1012 to create a duty for a law enforcement officer to "make prompt investigation" of an animal that is being abandoned or neglected.

Explanation of amendments:

This amendment would remove the new phrase "no justifiable purpose" from Section 1.

Steve Lathrop, Chairperson