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LD 133

I oppose ld 133

LD 133 is overly restrictive and conflicts with the ability of cities and towns to adopt rules specific to their geography. Under Title 7 § 3950, each municipality is empowered to adopt ordinances, laws or regulations dealing with animals. By law, any municipal ordinance that prohibits or limits barking dogs cannot apply to dogs herding and protecting livestock or warning the owners of danger to the livestock. In addition, dogs engaged in lawful activities such as hunting, mushing or field trials are known to bark for extended periods of time.

LD 133 could also result in false claims of excessive barking that are unsubstantiated.

LD 133 fails to recognize that many dogs consider their territory to extend beyond their owner's boundary line. Dogs often consider someone is trespassing on the dog's premises when there is trespass on what are legally adjacent premises.