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LD 133

I am registering my opposition to this bill as it is currently written. The below sections of LD133 while well intended are poorly written and should be amended out of any final legislation. At best, the whole bill should be opposed as it is overly vague and entirely subjective regarding the portions dealing with dogs disturbing one's peace. The penalty of labeling barking dogs "dangerous" or even a "nuisance" is excessive. A barking dog is NOT in the same category as dogs that cause harm, injury or damage which may actually deserve being labeled "dangerous". As written, this legislation has no clear parameters as to what might constitute "disturbing the peace". There is no allowance for established kennels, hunting dogs when kenneled, isolated incidents and more types of situations where a dog may bark with reason. No consideration for different individuals' definition of "peace". No definition of what is "excessive". As written the proposed law has significant potential for abuse by neighbors with a grudge or disagreement unrelated to dogs.

Again, the following sections regarding "disturbing the peace" should be amended out of this bill--

"disturbs the peace of an individual by excessive barking, howling or yelping, and the individual is not trespassing on the dog or wolf hybrid owner's or keeper's premises at the time of the excessive barking, howling or yelping"

" E. The person's peace has been disrupted by a dog that barks, howls or yelps excessively.."

I am registering my opposition to this bill as it is currently written, and any version that might include a dog being labeled "dangerous" for nothing more serious than barking.