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This proud Mainer is absolutely embarrassed that this bill is being heard at all. We do not live in medieval times; the fact that bear baiting is even an issue is absolutely shocking in this day and age. The backwards and shameful few (apparently, not few enough) who propose this bill should be asked why this should be decriminalized. Anything else/decriminalizing anything else would be preferable to this; it is shocking that this is even being considered. Bear baiting is an absolutely cruel practice, and those in violations of laws pertaining to it should be held fully accountable - in fact, if it is being considered at all, they should be held to harsher, and more fitting, punishments. We have so many issues and wrongs in this world, as well as specifically in this state. The fact that a cruel practice such as bear baiting could continue, and those committing the offenses not be held to their full accountability, is deplorable. And why someone would require a surplus of dogs, beyond the number of six, is simply, dare I say, stupid as well. Please remove this ridiculously cruel and senseless bill and think twice about those who are suggesting that it should be passed.