

SB0761 – Favorable with Amendment

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Favorable.

Thank you for helping to protect the lives and wellbeing of God's creatures, ones we also refer to as pets.

I would only like to request this bill be amended to include costs for health care for the pet that has undergone testing and is now being adopted out. The testing facility should provide vet care for at least one year for any dog or cat that has been involved in the testing where the dog or cat has received any of the drugs, vaccines or substances being tested.

The testing is part of determining unknowns about a substance. Because the animal is receiving a substance that has unknowns, the long-term health effects of that substance may not be known either. Therefore to have a person (the final forever home adopter, not the rescue organization) adopt this pet and then suffer major vet expenses because of the results of testing is unconscionable, and is an improper shift of liability.

The vet care could be in the form of insurance for 1 – 2 years or something to that effect. The fact that the pet is coming from a testing facility also needs to be provided to the forever-home adopter.

Asking for a favorable report with this amendment.

Thank you.

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