



OPPOSE HB 2562 By Sheets, Laubenberg, Farrar,
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Relating to "Care," and Sheltering for ALL dogs
Not only "tethered dogs."

-  **HB 2562 will outlaw most dog houses and criminalize Texas dog owners! Each dog and each day creates a separate violation. Dogs must be able to "stand erect" which immediately outlaws plastic "Igloo" type dog houses and many other smaller dog houses, which provide more body warmth.**
-  **Written by Texas Humane Legislation Network, the Texas arm of Humane Society of the United States. These extremists have a national legislative agenda to end all use of animals, for any reason and have little knowledge regarding care and use of any animals, especially working and hunting dogs. They work in "incremental steps" to accomplish their radical agenda. This bill must be defeated!**
-  **The American Kennel Club warns: "This could impact dogs in a backyard for a few hours, when weather might not demand shelter and when the animals generally sleep and spend time indoors. If the bill is intended to address situations in which the dog primarily resides outside and on a tether then that should be clarified." AKC sanctions multiple training and competitive outdoor events in Texas each year that contribute to the Texas economy and has concerns that the way this bill is written it could be interpreted to impact these events.**
-  **Texas Penal Code 42.092 Cruelty to Nonlivestock Animals, Section (a) (7) already defines "Necessary food, water, care, or shelter:" as including food, water, care, or shelter provided to the extent required to maintain the animal in a state of good health and covers all dogs – whether tethered or not tethered.**
-  **The exceptions only cover limited activities with dogs: In public camping areas, being engaged in training for or activity for licensed state activities; shepherding or herding livestock; cultivating agriculture products. This excludes so many legitimate uses of dogs; it's impossible to list them here.**
-  **"Uninformed" Provisions: "No metal chain links wider than one-quarter of an inch?" Chain is graded and all ¼ inch chain is not the same. "Continuous" supply of water? "Shelter" must be large enough for dog to stand erect? Dogs are den animals and traditionally seek safety and security in small confined areas. A dog house shouldn't be larger than the dog can heat with his body. Peaked or domed roofs can draw heat away with drafts.**