

Testimony

SB 414

Senate Agriculture Committee

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Senators and Members of the Committee:

I am the manager at the Prairie Paws Animal Shelter (PPAS). We are a nonprofit animal shelter located in Franklin County Kansas. I want to thank you for the opportunity to testify.

I feel it is very important that changes are made to the KPAA, SB 414. It is for the State of Kansas benefit to maintain the best animal practices. This will directly affect the animal shelter I run.

I support SB414, with amendments. Despite the afore mentioned improvements SB 414 deletes K.S.A. 47-1712 © and this appears to be a step backwards in preventing sick animals from crossing state lines.

If the Department of Agriculture is not required to inspect yearly then no changes in this act will make any difference. It is imperative for the health, safety, and welfare of animals and Kansas shelters, rescues and breeders that the Department of Agriculture be required to inspect annually.

I'm happy to answer any questions you may have. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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