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**Testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee
Supporting HB2302 – Custody and Disposition of Cruelly Treated Animals
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Chairman Wilborn and Committee Members,

Our associations support HB2302. The provisions of this bill we are most interested in are found on page 3 lines 18-35 and on page 5 lines 9-15. Those provisions will establish the ability of law enforcement and prosecutors to petition a court for disposition of the animal involved and allow for a bond to be posted, when appropriate, to assure payment of the care of the animal pending a hearing.

Under current law, we are often required to retain custody of an abused animal for extensive periods of time pending disposition of criminal cases against those accused of abusing this animal. That comes with a great expense to the agency with custody of the animal. Most generally this is, directly or indirectly, the law enforcement agency. These amendments will allow such determination to be made in a timelier manner, allowing for the transfer of ownership of the animal or other disposition as the court may determine. Thus, reducing costs for local governments.

We encourage you to move this bill forward favorably.

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