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I'm in support of this bill to include pets as part of the domestic violence prevention act. As you are aware, many people are afraid to leave their domestic violence situation. Due to the fact, they cannot bring their pets as there is no place to take them. As a Retired special education teacher I have seen numerous incidents of domestic violence. It affects the whole family. Furthermore, domestic violence often starts with an act of cruelty upon innocent pets. It's important that we have the community no longer tolerate this.
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House Bill No. 560

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**cruelty offenses to
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or household**