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A brief overview

Mercy For Animals' mission is to end industrial animal agriculture by constructing a just and sustainable food system.



Food procurement policy/Greenhouse gas emissions reduction policy



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Council of the DISTRICT of COLUMBIA

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D.C. Law 24-16. Green Food Purchasing Amendment Act of 2021.

AN ACT

To amend the District Department of the Environment Establishment Act of 2005 to require the Department of Energy and Environment to adopt a methodology to estimate greenhouse gas emissions that occur through the life cycle of certain foods and beverages, establish a baseline assessment of greenhouse gas emissions associated with the District's food and beverage purchases, and establish best practices for reducing greenhouse gas emissions related to such procurements, to require the District to reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions associated with food procurement according to a reduction schedule, and to require the Department of Energy and Environment to prepare a report on how to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with District procurement, and to amend the Procurement Practices Reform Act of 2010 to require that certain District procurements include a statement from the Department of Energy and Environment indicating that they include Environmentally Preferable Products or Services to the extent practicable.

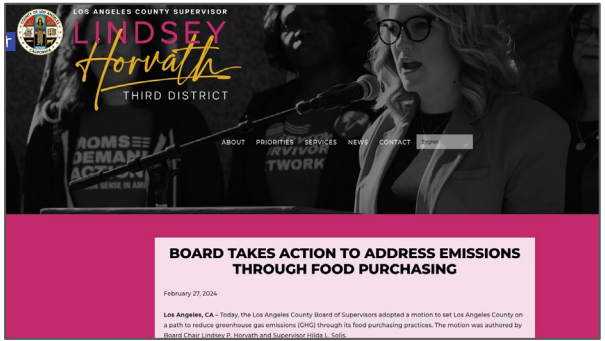
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D.C. Law 24-16 (PDF)
D.C. Act 24-93 (PDF)
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Effective
July 29, 2021

Legislative History (LIMS)
Law 24-16, the "Green Food Purchasing Amendment Act of 2021" was introduced in the



LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR
LINDSEY Horvath
THIRD DISTRICT

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BOARD TAKES ACTION TO ADDRESS EMISSIONS THROUGH FOOD PURCHASING

February 27, 2024

Los Angeles, CA - Today, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted a motion to set Los Angeles County on a path to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) through its food purchasing practices. The motion was authored by Board Chair Lindsey P. Horvath and Supervisor Hilke L. Sells.



Other policies

- Factory farm moratorium
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End Factory Farming and CAFOs

Request That Your Members of Congress Support
the Farm System Reform Act of 2021



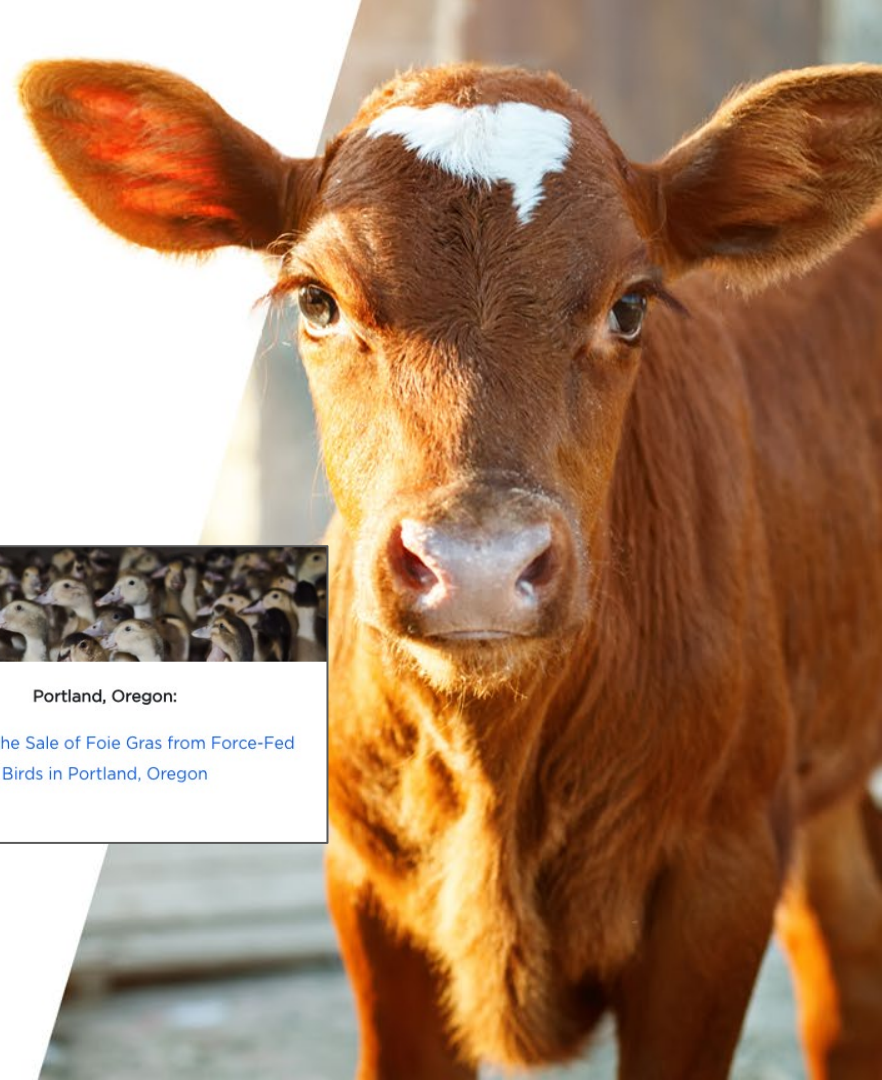
Minnesota

Ban Cruel Confinement for Farmed Animals



Portland, Oregon:

Help Ban the Sale of Foie Gras from Force-Fed
Birds in Portland, Oregon



Industrial Aquaculture

- Prohibit net pens in marine waters throughout the state
- Implement animal welfare standards for aquatic animals in food system



The Oregon Aquaculture Act: HB 2655

The Oregon Aquaculture Act

The State of Oregon has a duty to protect the state's natural resources and ecosystems and ensure humane treatment of animals raised for food. HB 2655 would regulate the treatment of aquatic animals in industrial aquaculture facilities and help protect the environment amidst significant industry expansion in Oregon. This legislation would also bring a diverse group of stakeholders to the table through the rulemaking process.

What is aquaculture?

Oregon State University defines aquaculture as the "breeding, raising and harvesting of fish, shellfish and aquatic plants. Basically, it's farming in water."¹ Aquaculture farms in Oregon raise oysters, clams, trout, bass, catfish, tilapia, and ornamental fish. Though Washington State is the largest producer of hatchery-reared and farmed shellfish in the United States,² the industry in Oregon is growing.³

Why is the Oregon Aquaculture Act necessary?



What is the impact of the Oregon Aquaculture Act?

The aquaculture industry in Oregon is growing. In 2021, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration awarded Oregon State University with a \$700,000 grant to help grow the aquaculture industry in the state and create a replicable model for other states. Cautionary tales abound from other states and countries where aquaculture growth has outpaced regulation.⁷ Therefore, given the expected growth of aquaculture in Oregon and awareness of its attendant risks, the state should pass HB 2655 to



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 Animal Law Committee of the ABA Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section

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Be sure to read the latest issue of the ABA Journal featuring James F. Gesualdi, recipient of the Excellence in the Advancement of Animal Law Leadership Award, Vice-Chair of the Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section Animal Law Committee, and mentor to many!

“The practice of animal law, like life itself, is all about raising consciousness,” Gesualdi says. “That is, raising our individual and collective consciousness about our treatment of other living beings as well as... See More



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Special Aquatic Animals Issue

Aquatic Animals: The Need for Understanding and Legal Protection

Introduction

Aquatic animals are so overlooked and poorly understood that they are easily ignored even in general calls for the legal protection of animals. They are excluded from some laws and their capabilities are less frequently studied by scientists than those of their land-based kin. Research into their well-being is more complicated and difficult due to the environments in which they live. To the resulting absence of knowledge and understanding, harmful myths¹ suggesting they cannot feel, think, or suffer have left them ignored and exposed to harm. This short overview seeks to remedy some of that misunderstanding and offers information that may be useful when making legal and policy decisions about the use or protection of aquatic animals.

The Need for Knowledge Who Are Aquatic Animals?

As a category, the term aquatic animals encompasses those animals who live in, or depend upon, marine and freshwater environments.² They include: Fish;

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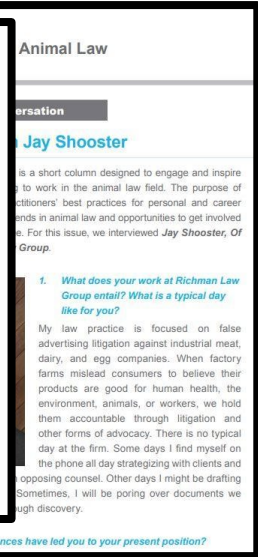
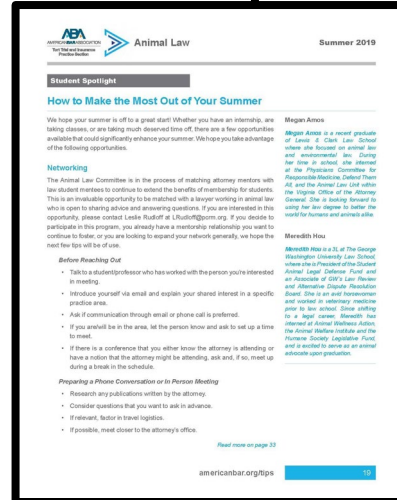
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