



June 8, 2018

The Honorable Jerry Hill, Chair
Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee
1020 N Street, Suite 160
Sacramento, CA 95814

AB 2362 (Rubio) - OPPOSE

Dear Senator Hill:

Our organizations, which collectively represent tens of thousands of sportsmen and dog owners in California, oppose AB 2362 (Rubio), which would impose new requirements for the transportation of dogs and cats, including heating and cooling, dry bedding, ventilation, and lighting.

This bill would place unnecessary restrictions on the transportation of dogs used for hunting, sporting and depredation control purposes that are business-related. The dogs used in conjunction with these activities are highly valued, and all necessary care is taken to ensure their well-being during transport. Typically, they are housed in secured kennels or dog boxes that have never been shown to pose a threat to canine health or safety.

Please note that while the bill states that it applies to “ a public animal control agency or shelter, society for the prevention of cruelty to animals shelter, humane society shelter, or rescue group that is in a cooperative agreement with at least one private or public shelter pursuant to Section 31108, 31752, or 31753 of the Food and Agricultural Code, and to a public or private for-profit entity that uses mobile or traveling housing facilities for dogs and cats”, it does not state or specifically provide that other individuals or entities are exempted.

We believe a clarifying amendment should be included that specifically exempts the transportation of dogs for hunting, sporting or depredation-related activities, including commercial activities.

Without this amendment, please oppose AB 2362 when it is considered before your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Hemmelgarn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

California Waterfowl Association

cc: Members, Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee