

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.155

Rep. Koleszar offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to encourage Michigan's public universities to
2 eliminate painful experiments on dogs.

3 Whereas, Several Michigan universities use dogs in research
4 and testing; and

5 Whereas, The federal Animal Welfare Act does not prohibit any
6 experiment, including those that inflict pain; and

7 Whereas, Dogs feel pain and can suffer physically and
8 psychologically from use in common laboratory procedures such as
9 surgeries and the implanting of medical devices; and

10 Whereas, The U.S. Food and Drug Administration stated in 2021
11 that the agency "does not mandate that human drugs be studied in
12 dogs"; and

1 Whereas, According to a 2019 opinion poll, 70 percent of
2 Michigan voters oppose "the use of dogs in experiments that could
3 cause them pain" and 66 percent oppose "the use of taxpayer money
4 to fund experiments on dogs here in Michigan"; and

5 Whereas, There are many non-canine methods available and
6 human-relevant methods such as trials involving human patients,
7 population studies, and cell-based and computer-based research
8 methods that render painful experiments on dogs unnecessary for
9 human health research; now, therefore, be it

10 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we encourage
11 Michigan's public universities to eliminate painful experiments on
12 dogs; and be it further

13 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
14 presidents of Michigan State University, University of Michigan,
15 and Wayne State University.