

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 8 - 1 - 1

Yeas: Garrett, Hicks, Olson, Schaufler, Tomei, Whisnant, Barker, Krieger

Nays: Wand

Exc.: Nolan

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Meeting Dates: 5/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows court to include animals within scope of protective order issued pursuant to Family Abuse Prevention Act. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Link between those capable of violence against animals also being capable of violence against people
- Pets caught up in cycle of domestic violence as means to manipulate victims, much as children are apt to be used

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Courts generally have jurisdiction to enjoin a variety of activities and conduct, and specific authority may be found in statute, including Oregon's criminal statutes and the Family Abuse Prevention Act. The provisions of such orders depend upon the type of case and the facts at issue, but may include, for example, prohibitions against contact with a specific person or people, against being physically in a particular place, against consumption of alcohol, or against possession of weapons.

Senate Bill 616 A makes explicit the court's authority to include animals within the scope of orders issued pursuant to the Family Abuse Prevention Act.