

House Concurrent Resolution 12

Sponsored by Representative SCHAUFLER (at the request of Patti Strand, NAIA, Oregon Kennel Clubs)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Encourages dog owners to enroll their dogs in dog training programs.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas dogs play an important role in the lives of many of Oregon's residents by serving as companions, therapy dogs and assistance dogs; and

Whereas it is recognized that dog-related problems are most often caused by irresponsible owners; and

Whereas responsible dog ownership is encouraged in Oregon and responsible owners should properly control and provide adequate training for their dogs; and

Whereas the Canine Good Citizen Program, which was developed by the American Kennel Club, teaches pet owners that dogs should exhibit "good citizen" behavior in the presence of other people and animals in both the home and the community; and

Whereas the Canine Good Citizen Program identifies and officially recognizes those dogs who behave as members in good standing within the community; and

Whereas children and adults of all ages participate in Canine Good Citizen classes to learn the skills involved in responsible dog ownership; and

Whereas dog bites and animal concerns are on the rise and there is a need for dogs to remain well-behaved community members; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly, encourage dog training programs and urge kennel clubs to provide training and education for community pet owners that result in dogs being Canine Good Citizens.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.