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**Written testimony of Rob Bovett
before the Senate Judiciary Committee
in Support of House Bill 4021**

Chair Prozanski and Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Humane Society (OHS) is a vital resource in the enforcement of our animal cruelty laws. OHS Special Agents provide essential services to strained local law enforcement, especially when it comes to the handling of complex or large cases. They are key partners in promoting animal welfare in Oregon, and deserve our ongoing praise and strong support.

House Bill 4021 transfers the commissioning of OHS Special Agents to the State Police. No additional authority is granted. The bill also clarifies the role of OHS, and the limits and boundaries of their authority. House Bill 4021 further clarifies that all personnel costs, training, equipment, and liability are the responsibility of OHS.

House Bill 4021 deserves your strong support.

Sincerely,

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