

House Bill 3408

Sponsored by Representative KENY-GUYER; Representatives GOMBERG, WITT (at the request of Oregon Humane Society)

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**.

Deletes statutory preference for placing forfeited animal with person having prior contact with animal.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the placement of forfeited animals; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 167.348.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 167.348 is amended to read:

5 167.348. (1) If an animal is forfeited according to the provisions of ORS 167.347 or 167.350, the
6 agency to which the animal was forfeited may place the animal with a new owner. [*The agency shall
7 give placement preference to any person or persons who had prior contact with the animal, including
8 but not limited to family members and friends of the former owner whom the agency determines are
9 capable of providing necessary, adequate and appropriate levels of care for the animal.*] As a condition
10 of placement, the agency shall require the new owner to execute an agreement to provide minimum
11 care to the animal. The agreement must indicate that allowing the former owner to possess the an-
12 imal constitutes a crime.

13 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the agency may not place the animal with any
14 person who resides with the former owner.

15 **SECTION 2.** The amendments to ORS 167.348 by section 1 of this 2013 Act apply to a
16 placement made on or after the effective date of this 2013 Act of an animal forfeited before,
17 on or after the effective date of this 2013 Act.
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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.