



Oregon Veterinary Medical Association

**House Bill 3141
Support**

Dear Chair Witt and Committee Members:

I am here this morning on behalf of the Oregon Veterinary Medical Association in support of House Bill 3141.

For most of us with pets, we know the enormous joy of that symbiotic relationship we share with animals. Most of us consider them to be important members of the family and irreplaceable companions.

The value of this special human-animal connection is well documented as it pertains to our physical health and mental well-being. But beyond this, most of us find it to be just a lot of fun and at times really good entertainment.

Of course, we have the responsibility to provide our wonderful companions with nourishment, with enrichment, and with good health care. And knowing that those animals that we bring into our lives have been well cared for and will receive the good health care they deserve only enhances this connection that we share – regardless of whether we purchase, lease or rent that adorable goofy dog or that lovable cuddly cat.

We believe it is important for businesses that lease or rent animals to share the known medical history of the animal to the prospective customer. If you were to buy an AKC-registered dog, that good breeder will present you with the lineage of the dog's parents and provide you with a record of that animal's vaccinations and other pertinent medical history.

A dog's vaccination history – and other medical information – is required of pet stores that sell dogs in Oregon. It makes sense – and we believe it is appropriate – that this be extended to businesses that lease or rent animals as well.

Thank you for your consideration.

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