



Oregon Veterinary Medical Association

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House Bill 2474 A-Engrossed

**Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee
Chair Sen. Chris Edwards**

(Support)

Dear Chair Edwards, Vice Chair Olsen and Committee Members:

The Oregon Veterinary Medical Association participated in a work group to discuss the merits of what has become House Bill 2474 A, and we agree with the intent of the legislation.

We understand the licensing board's need to have oversight of facilities – both those owned or not owned by a licensed veterinarian – and this legislation addresses that.

The engrossed version of HB 2474 A requires the licensing board to convene a rules advisory committee for the purpose of adopting rules related to veterinary facilities. We believe this is an important addition to the bill.

- There are more than 525 veterinary practices across Oregon. As the largest group of stakeholders that would be affected by the bill, it is important that veterinarians are represented in the discussions of proposed rules on facilities. This will occur under HB 2474 A.
- Other stakeholders also will have representation on the rules advisory committee, and we believe this is important as well.

We would like to see House Bill 2474 A move forward, and we would appreciate your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

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