

To whom this may concern,

HB 3494-A contains unacceptable loopholes and will not protect dogs and cats. The bill would allow declawing and devocalization to continue unchecked in Oregon at the sole discretion of veterinarians. The bill is not a step forward for animals. Rather, it is a step backwards in the movement to protect animals from unnecessary harm.

Devocalization and declawing is a cruel practice and can cause many health and behavioral issues. By allowing HB 3494-A to pass with the unacceptable loopholes, it is a huge step back for animal welfare.

Sincerely,
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