

Testimony Opposing HB 3494-A As Drafted  
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Dear Senator Gelser and members of the Committee,

HB 3494 has as a few bad flaws and needs to be fixed before being considered for passage.

- 1) Page 1 line 4 directs that this legislation be included in Oregon's Landlord/Tenant law (ORS 90.100 to 90.465). This bill has nothing to do with landlord/tenant law.
- 2) I see neither a mechanism to enforce the law nor any penalty for violating the law. Again, being in the landlord/tenant section of Oregon's law would make this meaningless.
- 3) Declawing cats and devocalizing dogs sounds fairly innocent, but these are horrible operations that badly damage and can have severe repercussions for the animals. The exemptions allowing these horrible operations are too broad. I supported HB 3494 as originally drafted, but The A-engrossed version is flawed and pretty meaningless.

I greatly appreciate the interest in addressing the horrible issues involve in declawing cats and devocalizing dogs, but please do not pass this bill without first fixing the problems listed above.

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