

Hello,

My name is Christina Mays and I am an animal rescuer. I work at OHSU for a paycheck but I define who I am by what I love and that is bettering and saving the lives of animals. I am writing to you about the upcoming meeting on Tuesday, June 2 at 3:00 PM. HB 3494-A is not well written and contains unacceptable loopholes. As written it will not protect animals. The bill, as written, allows declawing and devocalization to continue unchecked in Oregon at the sole discretion of veterinarians. These animals have a reason to be structured the way they are in nature and it isn't okay to alter them on a whim. This bill is not a step forward for animals, it is a step back and puts them closer to harm.

If passed, this bill would be a model to set back positive animal legislation in other states. Oregon is a progressive state and many others follow our lead, please don't let that lead be harm to animals and harm to positive animal legislation.

Thank you so much for your time,  
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