

Monday, June 1, 2015

Dear Senate Committee on Human Services & Early Childhood:

There will be a public hearing in the Oregon Senate in Salem, on Tuesday June 2 regarding HB 3494-A that I am unable to personally attend. I am emailing you to let you know that I OPPOSE HB 3494-A UNLESS AMENDED. This bill legitimizes the devocalization and declawing of cats and dogs. These acts are mutilation and inhumane. 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. Please help protect these animals that do not have a voice through voting by opposing this bill unless amended to protect animals.

Please use this as my written testimony for the June 2, 2015 Senate Committee on Human Services & Early Childhood hearing on HB 3494-A.

Thank you.

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