

**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session**  
**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**Senate Committee On Judiciary**

**MEASURE: SB 4**  
**CARRIER: Sen. Courtney**

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 03/04/15

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Meeting Dates:** 03/04

**Vote:**

Yeas: 4 - Burdick, Gelser, Kruse, Prozanski

Nays: 1 - Thatcher

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Modifies definition of “animal rescue entity” to clarify inclusion of animals located off-site.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- History of Senate Bill 6, including impact and importance
- Marion County experience and identification of legal loophole related to definition of “animal rescue entity”
- Foster animals
- Implementation of Senate Bill 6 at the local level
- “Legal custody” and relevance to licensing issues
- Need for clarification of Senate Bill 6 and definition of “animal rescue entity”
- Interstate transfer of adoptable animals

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The 77<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly passed Senate Bill 6 during the 2013 regular session. That bill created more comprehensive anti-cruelty, animal impoundment and animal rescue laws.

Senate Bill 4 modifies the definition of “animal rescue entity” created by Senate Bill 6. Senate Bill 4 clarifies that an “animal rescue entity” maintains legal custody of 10 or more animals regardless of whether they are kept onsite or in another location.