

Dear House Rules Committee -

Voting YES on HCR 16 is one way Oregon can exemplify some of our state's values towards managing citizens' use of existing resources. It will not change that people want pets. Many shelters are struggling financially. Transferring dogs from the shelter system into loving homes will allow people to tap into an overtaxed shelter system, adopting dogs that are already in need of homes.

Oregon should take pride in the number of shelter dogs in our state that have found homes, and our citizen's willingness to care for dogs that would otherwise place heavier burdens on our shelters. Oregon should also be proud that in supporting shelter dogs, our citizens recognize that our canine companions do not have to be perfect to be a best buddy for life's regular activities.

I have two shelter dogs, and I support voting YES on HCR 16.

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