

Dear Chair Williamson, Representative Holvey, and Members of the House Committee on Rules:

I live in Eugene, and have been employed as Greenhill Humane Society's Director of Operations since 2012. I have been a licensed attorney in Oregon since 2005, and am currently the Legislative Subcommittee Chair of the Oregon State Bar's Animal Law Section. I am also extremely fortunate to share my home with rescue dogs.

On behalf of Greenhill Humane Society, I enthusiastically support HCR 16, designating shelter dogs as Oregon's official state dog. Adopting shelter dogs as the official state dog sends an inclusive message consistent with our state's values, for as my shelter's statistics would easily demonstrate, dogs of all breeds, mixes, sizes, and ages pass through Oregon's shelters. Greenhill receives dogs of all types as strays, owner-surrenders, and, when we have space to help, as transfers from other overcrowded shelters. In 2016, our shelters cared for over 1,500 dogs; over 90% of those dogs came to us from within our local community. Rather than limiting this honor to one specific breed, we hope you will extend this distinction to dogs of all kinds who are united by circumstances beyond their control.

Honoring shelter dogs in this manner not only benefits the thousands of dogs (and by extension, other animals) passing through Oregon's shelters each year, it is also a gesture of support to the many devoted staff, volunteers, fosters, and supporters who provide loving care to these dogs and help place them with new families. By passing HCR 16, you'll give every adopter who opens their home to a dog in need of a second chance the added privilege of introducing their new family member as the next State Dog of Oregon.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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