

To Committee Members:

I am urging you to vote YES on this for the following reasons.

- 1) This bill will promote the adoption of dogs from rescues and shelters which will have a significant impact on both reducing the costs of caring and feeding them, and a reduction of unnecessary euthanasia which often must be utilized when a proper home cannot be found for these dogs.
- 2) Voting YES on this bill sends a strong and appropriate message of support for those professionals who work in Oregon's shelters. I have had first hand experience with the energy, enthusiasm and passion these professionals exhibit in their desire to find a forever home for every dog.
- 3) H.C.R. 16 is supportive of, and recognizes that all varieties, breeds, sizes and types of dogs are recognized in our shelters. This includes a significant number of purebred as well as mixed breed dogs. Every one of these dogs has the potential to be a perfect and loving companion for the right person; and again, shelter personnel do their very best to make these matches happen.

I can personally vouch for shelter dogs, as those are the only ones I have had in the last 20 years or more. My current dog, Abigaile (pictured) was adopted from our local Humane Society nearly five years ago, and she has been an awesome and wonderful addition to our family. Thank you so much, Gail Jett, Bend, Oregon

