

Hi,

My name is Emma Ellis and I am emailing to share my views on the House Concurrent Resolution 16.

I run an event that teaches youth about pet care, and I believe with the first hand experience I have seen that this bill would prove extremely helpful to our state by promoting adoption and de-stigmatizing the idea that shelter dogs are not as 'good' as a dog bought from a breeder.

Some key points to why HCR 16 is so great, for both state costs and being an inclusive and loving state.

H.C.R. 16 will promote the adoption of dogs from rescues and shelters, resulting in saved lives and less cost in caring for dogs in shelters;

H.C.R. 16 acknowledges the work of Oregon's amazing animal sheltering professionals who work every day to care for dogs in shelters and find them permanent, loving homes;

H.C.R. 16 recognizes that all kinds and types of dogs are represented in Oregon's shelters, including purebred and mixed breed dogs, all of whom have the potential to be a loving companion for the right person.

Oregon is a diverse and beautiful state, and to pick one breed of dog would be exclusive, but to further show what a great state we are for shelter dogs by naming them the official dog of Oregon would be truly wonderful.

Thank you so much for reading,

-Emma Alsept-Ellis, Oregonian