

I oppose approving a rescue dog as Oregon's official state dog.

First, unless there's a true historic connection between a breed's development and a state, there's no reason to have an official state dog. I can appreciate that Massachusetts designated the Boston terrier breed as an official state dog—the breed was developed in Massachusetts.

Designating whatever ends up at a Humane Society or dog pound as a state dog is meaningless. Although those institutions mean well, they also make it easy for careless breeders to relieve themselves of all responsibility for the unfortunate dogs. Also, there's more chance of a rescue dog having problems since its background is unknown.

Please vote No on HCR-16.

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