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## <u>Testimony of Humane Oregon on House Bill 2625 (2017)</u> <u>Senate Committee on Judiciary</u>

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Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and members of the Committee:

Humane Oregon is a bi-partisan, non-profit organization formed in 2014 to help advocate for animal welfare in Oregon's political process and elections. We are a moderate but progressive animal welfare organization, with board members from many different parts of Oregon's animal welfare community.

Humane Oregon supports HB2625, which would clarify the law to clearly allow forfeiture of all animals seized in criminal abuse and neglect proceedings, not just the animals for which charges are brought. We support this bill because we want abused and neglected animals seized by law enforcement to receive the care they need without unnecessary legal obstacles and expense.

Thank you for considering our comments.

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