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Senate Bill 71

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The Department appreciates the opportunity to discuss Senate bill 71 with you today. Senate bill 71 allows humane societies and animal control agencies the use of sedatives and analgesic medications when euthanizing animals. The Department requests that Section 2(9) be amended to include the State Department of Fish and Wildlife so that ORS 686.020(1)(a) does not apply to our agency or permit holders. Similar to the exemption of State Department of Agriculture representatives, this proposed exemption will provide clarity that authorized Department employees continue to have authority to manage or conduct research on wildlife, which may include euthanasia, as needed in the most humane methods possible.

Additionally, we suggest that Section 2(10) be amended to add licensed Wildlife Control Operators, exempting them from ORS 686.020(1)(a).

The Department understands that this bill affects procedures of the Oregon Pharmacy Board involving legal delivery of certain classes of prescription medications to humane societies and animal control agencies. Many of the statutes and administrative rules related to the Oregon Board of Pharmacy and Veterinary Practice Act as it relates to euthanasia, prescriptions and their application were written to regulate their use in owned or domesticated animals. Therefore, we would also recommend a more clear definition of "other animals" in Section 1(1) as those not considered wildlife as defined in 496.004 (19).

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

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