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Testimony of Humane Voters Oregon on House Bill 2500-A
Senate Committee on Judiciary

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Chair Prozanki and Members of the Committee:

Humane Voters Oregon (previously known as Humane Oregon) is a nonprofit organization that works in Oregon's political process and elections to promote humane treatment of animals. We have board members from several different animal welfare organizations but are not affiliated with any other state or national organization.

Humane Voters Oregon supports House Bill 2500-A.

HB 2500-A would allow a person who provides or ensures veterinary care for an abused domestic animal to recover the cost of the care, plus court costs and attorney fees, from the person who inflicted the abuse. This is only fair. A veterinarian or Good Samaritan who provides or ensures veterinary care for an animal that someone else abused should not be stuck with the cost of the care and should instead have some opportunity to recover the cost from the person responsible.

HB 2500-A is not overly broad because it would require a party seeking to recover the costs of veterinary care to show that treatment of the animal by the defendant caused "physical injury" to the animal and constituted a crime or violation under ORS 167.310 to 167.351. The bill also would require the party seeking recovery to show that the veterinary expenses incurred were "reasonable."

Thank you for considering our comments.

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