

February 16, 2020

From: CPO 10, Washington County Oregon

To: Oregon Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Re: HB 4014 Section 1

Dear Chairman Dembrow, Committee members and staff,

CPO10 of Washington County is a group of involved rural residents who meet monthly to discuss area concerns, activities and legislative updates.

CPO10 would like to register our concern with the potential impact of **Section 1 only of HB 4014**. We believe the remaining Sections of the bill should be carried forward.

HB 4014 Section 1 removes needed protections from dog barking and containment in an area where many of our rural residents raise livestock and live peacefully. Dog barking is a known nuisance to people and animals. Section 1 would negatively impact farmers and their livestock.

Additionally, Section 1 removes the dog waste requirement provided for under kennels and similar group dog activities. Most of us living in CPO 10 are on local wells fed by area streams and waterways. Given Oregon's strong environmental record protecting its watersheds, Section 1 of HB 4014 recklessly places the health of area residents and livestock at risk.

Lastly, we expect that many of the people participating in non-Ag dog training activities are driving in from out of the area. This increases traffic on already suffering rural roads, increasing noise, and road dust in rural areas from non-Ag activities.

We respectfully ask that Section 1 only of HB 4014 be set aside for further impact study and pass the remaining sections of HB 4014.

Thank you for your time,

CPO 10 Chair and Members

Cc:

Committee Chair Senator Dembrow, Committee Vice-Chair Senator Olsen, Committee Member Senator Findley, Committee Member Senator Prozanski, Committee Member Senator Roblan, LPRO Analyst Patrino, Senior Committee Assistant Raszka, Committee Assistant Hernandez