

The sport of dog sports, be it training, agility, herding, obedience, etc. is not new to Oregon. Much like equestrian training, there is a need for facilities to hold training sessions, practice our learnings and educate ourselves and our canine companions. This sport continues to grow in popularity, which increases the need for more facilities that can provide the space for training and education to take place. I feel that it is unfair to require different laws for canine training than the laws that are in effect for equestrian facilities. I feel that the laws should be identical as both sports are equally important to both the animals and their human companions. Training of both the animals and their humans enriches the lives of both and makes for a happier, better disciplined animal. Passing HB 2645 will allow for fair treatment of training facilities for our canine friend. Thank you for your time.