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As a dog trainer and owner, I urge you to support bill HB 2645 that exempts dog training facilities from state structural specialty codes. Supporting this bill would allow for dog training facilities to be under the same codes as horse training facilities. These facilities are crucial for dog trainers and owners in the state. Allowing this bill would create more accessibility of training facilities. Dogs have become an important member of families and with this comes the responsibility of training these pets. As seen during COVID-19, there has been a huge influx in the number of dogs being bought. These are often first-time pet owners who will need a trainer to help them create a social savvy dog. Trainers play a crucial role in creating dogs that will be well-behaved in public environments.

Over the years I have attended many training facilities. The instructors work extremely hard to ensure neighbors and the local ecosystems are not impacted by the presence of dogs. This includes strict rules on barking, leashes, potty pick-up, and no contact with livestock or wildlife.

In closing, I ask for your support of bill HB 2645. As a passionate dog owner and trainer, I believe this bill would allow for happier pet and non-pet owners in the state of Oregon. When we improve accessibility of training facilities, we create well-mannered dogs in our state.

Thanks for your time.