

Hello,

I am writing to encourage you to support this bill. I live in Central Oregon, known as the dog capitol of the state. As our region continues to see exponential growth I feel it is important to be sure that dog families have easy access to facilities where they can create excellent four legged members of society. Especially in the winter, when outdoor excursions are more limited. Passing this bill is just one step of creating a more enriching environment for those who want to be in their pet's lives.

Having been involved in the horse training world and now a part of the dog training world, I simply cannot see why one is favored over the other by the state.

Dog training is an important part of dog ownership and should be easily accessible for all. In all the years that I have been involved, I have never seen disruptive or unruly behavior. Everything is under strict control for the safety of dogs and owners. At the facility that I am at right now, we have an active 4H group learning about dog obedience, agility and rally. Working with a dog makes 4H a lot more accessible for kids that aren't financially able to own a horse. Please consider equity for dog owners.

Thank you,

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