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On Behalf Of: Rescue dogs and cats
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HCR8

I have worked in pet rescue for 20 years and know the importance of not only rescuing pets that have been abandoned or need to be rehomed but the importance to the pets and to our communities in advocating for adopting these pets. As my rescue advocates, "don't breed or buy while shelter pets die." Adopt do not shop. From a communications perspective it would be tremendously helpful if shelter pets were Oregon State Official State Pet. It would send the right message and certainly fits in well with what Oregon has usually stood for--doing the right thing and good for the environment. Getting pets adopted is an environmental issue as well--having abandoned/strays off the streets, given vet care and adopted into (hopefully) loving homes. Please advocate for this bill to be voted and passed by the Oregon State Legislature. Thank you.