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**OREGON STATE SENATE/SENADO DEL ESTADO DE OREGON**

Chair Fahey, Vice Chair Breese-Iverson and Honorable Members of the House Rules Committee,

Today, I write to you in support of HCR 8.

Every year, animal shelters in Oregon help place thousands of animals with their forever home. They helped my family find, over the years, a wonderful dog and two sweet cats. My family knew that we wanted to welcome shelter animals into our home because we know that supporting shelters saves animal in need and discourages breeding of unwanted animals. Fees for this process also support other animals in that shelter.

As some of you may know, many families opted to acquire a pet during the pandemic and some are now surrendering those animals to shelters, causing a boom in the number of pets in our animal shelters, often overwhelming the shelters. But Oregon has a strong history of supporting animals, frequently thanks to former Senate President Peter Courtney, who was a champion for animals and pets.

HCR 8 would send the message that Oregon values our shelter animals, honors the hard-working staff and volunteers who work in our shelters and encourages Oregonians to seek out their pet companions from animal shelters.

I urge you to refer HCR 8 to the House Floor with a Do Pass recommendation.

Thank you for your time.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deb Patterson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Deb Patterson