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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Testimony in Support of HCR 8

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Chair Fahey, Vice-Chairs Breese-Iverson and Kropf, and members of the House Rules Committee,

As a rescue pet owner and legislator, I want to thank the humane societies and our animal shelters across the state who rescue, care, shelter abandoned animals, and help them find a loving home. Sadly, many shelters across Oregon are overcrowded as a result of puppy mills and excessive breeding, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Shelters struggle to keep pace with the number of abandoned animals that need care and treatment, resulting in euthanization of thousands of pets.¹

I support HCR 8 which would designate rescued shelter dogs and cats as Oregon's official state pet. This resolution would not only celebrate and bring awareness to shelter animals, but also help promote the adoption of dogs and cats from animal shelters to help them find more forever homes.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer written testimony in favor of HCR 8, I urge your support in passage of the bill.

Sincerely,

Representative Courtney Neron
House District 26
Wilsonville, including the Charbonneau district, King City, Sherwood,
Tigard/Bull Mountain, and Parrett Mountain

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<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2022/12/22/animal-shelters-overcrowding-prompts-some-revise-it-euthanasia/10933722002/>