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On Behalf Of: Oregon Animal Control Council
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary
Measure: SB696

On behalf of the Oregon Animal Control Council, we stand in support of SB 696 to create funding to secure a resource prosecutor at Oregon's Department of Justice for animal cruelty offenses.

Across the state of Oregon, individual agencies utilize the current Animal Cruelty DDA who is based on a nonprofit funding source. This position has been invaluable in prosecuting those very time consuming and resource taxing cruelty cases.

Securing a position for a statewide animal cruelty prosecutor would allow for significantly more training, investigation and prosecution.

Respectfully,

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