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Chair Holvey, Vice-Chairs Sosa and Elmer, and members of the House Committee on Business and Labor.

Please accept this testimony offering my support of HB 2915. Oregon is the last market on the West Coast where pet stores can sell dogs and cats. Over 400 localities across 31 states, including our neighbors California and Washington, have already implemented similar policies. It's time for Oregon to follow their lead.

HB 2915 strikes a balance of protecting the interests of pet stores currently selling dogs or cats using a humane business model, while preventing the expansion of this practice. HB 2915 would apply to all pet stores except the six remaining small stores in Oregon currently selling dogs and cats – these stores, however, would not be allowed to sell dogs or cats at a new or different location, or under new ownership. The bill would not restrict anyone from purchasing a dog or cat directly from a responsible breeder in Oregon.

Over the years, my family has both fostered and adopted dogs through rescues, including dogs that breeders no longer had a use for. This experience has directly led to my support for measures like HB 2915, which will promote more humane sources for Oregonians to obtain their family pets, like shelters, rescues, and responsible breeders.

Thank you for your time and consideration, I urge you to pass HB 2915 out of committee.

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