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Thank you for receiving this written testimony.

I fully support the completely necessary bill that would require licensing and regulation of all breeders. It is long overdue and now more than ever before, a complete necessity. As a small home based non-profit rescue, I rescue only local dogs, combing social media re-homing pages for dogs otherwise re-homed in unsafe ways that we know can and does lead to cruel ends for these pets at the hands of folks with bad intentions.

Since mid-Covid, backyard breeders have gone into overdrive for the money, breeding massive numbers of often difficult breed mixes that are not easy to rehome because of the mixed breed characteristics. It is common to find these backyard breeders breeding mixes of: Bully breeds, herding breeds, guardian breeds, northern breeds. Unhealthy mixes of poorly bred dogs. Inbreeding pets because they do not care. Many would be owners cannot and do not want to own these pets and cannot afford the ill healthy of poorly bred pets.

Backyard breeding has sent the PNW into overpopulation for the first time ever, and it will not ever end if they are allowed to continue unregulated, and are not held accountable by law.

We small non-profits mostly run on a volunteer basis, putting countless hours into rescuing pets that otherwise, these days, are abandoned, killed by breeders/owners that cannot sell or give them away, and/or they are given away without any screening, often leading to poor outcomes for the pets: including inhumane and cruel ends for them.

We rescues are overwhelmed and exhausted. We need the support of this bill.

Breeders cannot continue to be allowed to simply breed freely while pets suffer and rescues and shelters cannot manage the overpopulation that has resulted. I doubt that overpopulation in the PNW will end, but this is our only hope at any management of the overwhelming numbers of unwanted pets that backyard breeders currently churn out.

Thank you.