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Hello-

Oregon's animal rescues have been licensed and regulated since 2019. Oregon breeders have not. There is a clear and ongoing shelter and rescue capacity crisis across Oregon, serving as a public resource in urban and rural communities and providing lifesaving services across the state. It is time for Oregon breeders to be held accountable to high animal care and welfare standards, disease prevention, and oversight. SB 1076 would direct the Department of Agriculture to create a breeder licensure and standards program for dogs, cats, small mammals, and small birds. In the face of the unsustainable strain on our overburdened shelters and rescues, SB 1076 is long overdue legislation.

Thank you
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