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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1076

I oppose SB1076. Responsible breeders of purebred animals are not the enemy, and our breeding programs are not contributing to the overflowing populations within shelters in Oregon. Responsible breeders of purebred animals follow nationally or internationally recognized standards for our breeds. We health test, often including DNA testing, to ensure we only produce the healthiest animals possible. Responsible breeders of purebred animals produce animals to meet the breed standards, not to make money. And responsible purebred breeders are held into account by their fellow breeders, regional and national clubs, and breed-specific rescues. This bill is an unnecessary level of oversight that focuses on responsible breeders rather than those who intentionally breed mixed breed animals without attention to health and without qualified homes for the animals. Please oppose this bill.