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SB1076 – comments not in support as written

This bill looks to have a few pieces that are useful in the regulation of rescues and sanctuaries as some of them are very suspect about intention, and perhaps larger breeders who produce puppies as a way of making a living, but it's way too broad and harmful.

As its written currently it would have quite a negative impact on those entities who pull purebred dogs found in shelters or help to find homes for breeders who either pass away or find themselves in bad situations and require help. These volunteers spend their time checking microchips, paying for spay/neuter and updated vet care, fostering until proper assessment can be made and then re-home them with appropriately well vetted families as pets. Those who volunteer to do this for purebred dogs are not making money. They are associated with American Kennel Club purebred clubs and this is the responsible part of true rescue. They are not breeders at all but the way this bill is currently written would be required to be licensed as such. That does more harm than good and makes zero sense.

What about the hunter or the shepherd who might breed one litter every few years to keep his worker dogs he needs for farm work going in families of dogs with this capability? This bill would require them to be a licensed breeder with fees and fines when all they are doing is what is necessary to keep their farms going.

What about the person who raises and trains medical alert service dogs? Did you know this uncanny ability to identify health risks runs in canine families and that not every dog has this unique ability? How would they continue their family of much needed service dogs going if they were not able to produce a litter every few years without more unneeded and unknowing government intervention?

What about small hobby breeders associated with the AKC (who opposes bills such as this one) who complete all health requirements per their breed and upload such results to the OFA database which is public. Most only breed a litter every 2-3 years in order to keep certain purebred dogs preserved and protected. Many AKC hobby breeders actually spend far more money producing a litter than you would think. It can cost \$4,000-\$10,000 to produce one litter and may only get 0-6 puppies. They spend four-five months dedicated to this, not for money but for the love of their breed. These people are not puppy farmers, and I know those do exist and should be

subject to some of what this bill proposes.

Are their experts in Oregon government who understand more than these people who fit the above situations and who would have the working knowledge and experience to govern this? I am thinking no. These are things I respectfully request that you think about.

Perhaps this can be sent back to be re-written.