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I write today in support of SB 1076 as an animal rights advocate, former Oregon Humane Society adoption counselor, and concerned Tillamook resident.

Last year, Oregon's rescues reported 65,764 dogs and cats entering the system, which doesn't even touch on all the small animals helped. There is a glaring overpopulation crisis - an unnecessary burden placed on our shelters by unregulated, unethical breeding practices. Yet, these nonprofits continue performing invaluable services while under enormous pressure, serving the most vulnerable and adding immeasurable value to our communities.

Please keep in mind, Oregon is recognized around the country as a safe haven for animal companions, due to our incredible shelters and rescues. We should strive to be a pinnacle for animal welfare standards, too.

As Oregonians, we can do better by simply holding breeders to account. I believe SB 1076 is the first step in doing so, by alleviating some financial strain put on our beloved rescue organizations.