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

Hello,

I am writing to oppose SB 1076 which would require a license for anyone selling animals as "pets". This is government overreach. It would increase costs for breeding/caring for animals and that cost would be passed on to the purchaser when times are already expensive and people scraping to get by. It does not exempt farmers or specify the precise animals that would be considered pets. This would be an ongoing cost with no ceiling to the amount charged to 'breeders'.

As a family farmer in the state of Oregon, my family uses a wide variety of animals for various purposes - we keep cats as rodent control, dogs as livestock guardians & herding helpers, rabbits for 4H, chickens & ducks for eggs & meat, etc. Our animals are beloved to us and we do our best to care for them well. They are bred for the next generations of farm work, however, animals that we do not keep are often sold into pet homes. We charge nominal fees that cover our expenses to raise and care for the animals until they are ready for their new homes (things like maintaining adequate shelter, supplies, food, regular wormings, vaccines, etc), but an additional license fee would require us to increase prices of all goods sold on our farm to cover costs, as we already barely make ends meet with our farming business.

Separately, I see that this bill would also impose fees on rescue organizations, humane societies and animal control agencies. If these organizations, who are regularly under-funded are unable to perform the tasks due to additional fees, we will see an influx of uncared for, diseased animals roaming the streets with no one to turn to or care for them.

Please kill this bill entirely. Thank you.