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Thank you for allowing public testimony and for reading mine.

This bill creates duplicates within licensing requirements. Rescue groups obtain a license with the state already, and breeders license their animals with the counties and cities, and if they are large enough, they obtain a kennel license with that same county or city. There are multiple laws already in place about care and conditions, health standards, etc. These standards are the same for any animal in Oregon. Holding breeders and rescues to a different standard says the average pet owner should provide less, as they all deserve amazing care.

This bill creates unreasonable costs for the state when the counties and cities are licensing as well. I question the ability of rescue groups to import rescue animals from other states and outside the country. This practice would not be changed under this bill. That practice should end. If groups want to help outside the state, they should provide services to those states and communities. Removing the animals free up space for the space to be filled again. Groups who do this are not testing for Heartworm or Brucellosis. There is a new restriction for bringing in pets into the US because so many animals from rescue groups have been found to have fake vaccination records which includes Rabies.

Oregon had done an amazing job of controlling its pet population. The rescue groups and shelters would not need to bring in dogs to sell from outside the state if there was a real over pet population issue. I read some of the testimony. If rescue groups are unhappy about purebred dogs in shelters, I wonder why they aren't asking for help. Any quality breeder would be responsible for the dogs they create and the grandchildren of the dogs they create and so on. Please contact those breeders and ask for help. Many breed clubs have their own rescue volunteers who would gladly take their own breed. Ask for help. The concept of rescue was started many years ago by breeders who saw backyard bred dogs needing help. Why has there been such divide. Ask for help. Work together.... Don't legislate the divide. Don't make this worse.

This bill would harm Oregonians and relationships within the animal world. It would not help the situation. It would drive those who already don't comply further underground. It would cause harm to youth programs such as 4-H and FFA. This isn't a solution. This is spinning wheels. The best solution Oregon has utilized in the past is the encouragement to spay and neuter pets. Positive programs rather than punitive always glean the best results from Oregonians. Keep the enforcement and

licenses local as they are. Breeders have a great system of regulation and education from not only local jurisdiction but within their registry organizations. Breeders health test, provide amazing care, and encourage/expect the same of other breeders.

Breeders and rescues are not the problem in Oregon. It is the extreme views on either side that are causing problems. Breeders and rescue groups need to work together, not fight. We don't need legislation.