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Wildfire
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I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 1076, which would impose fees and licensing on breeders of pets.

Some of the reasons I oppose are as follows:

"Pet" is not defined. Livestock sold as "pets" could be included. This could have a huge impact on the increasing cost of ranching in the state and contributing to the exorbitant cost of food.

This will affect 4H, FFA, AKC Juniors' programs which rely on breeders for animals that they care for in their various programs.

This will result in decline in purposefully-bred working and assistance dogs, such as Guide Dogs for the Blind, Veterans' PTSD assistance dogs, Therapy Dogs, Livestock Guardian Dogs, and Working dogs moving Sheep and Cattle.

Oregon has had to subsidize their Rescue License program from the general fund. SB 1076 license fees will not cover the costs to implement the bill and will also result in Oregon dipping into the general fund to cover enforcement costs.

Oregon needs to work on enforcing current laws that protect animals, instead of creating new ones.

Rescues and Shelters are in a capacity crisis due to the fact they bring thousands of animals into their facilities per year from states outside of Oregon. 80% of shelter animals are mixed breeds. 20% are purebred. In 2023, the Oregon Humane Society took in over 4,500 animals from six states outside of Oregon.

Responsible breeders are not contributing to any overpopulation and are already held accountable by fellow breeders, regional/national clubs, and breed specific rescues.

Thank you for your time.