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House Bill 4034: Support

- **House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water**

Dear Co-Chair Helm, Co-Chair Owens, Vice-Chair McDonald, and Committee Members:

The Oregon Veterinary Medical Association supports House Bill 4034.

Animal Rescue Entities (AREs) are an integral part of Oregon's rich history of housing and caring for animals in need. And along with the desires and interests of AREs to take in these animals comes a modicum amount of responsibility to ensure that the animals are provided with good, reasonable care. This includes necessary oversight.

Under HB 4034, the State Department of Agriculture is assigned to develop administrative rules to provide oversight guidance to AREs, which we believe will include practical approaches around recordkeeping and licensure. At the same time, due process would be accessible for any ARE with concerns about potential civil penalties for not being in compliance with the rules.

We ask for your support with HB 4034.

Respectfully,

Glenn

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