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Testimony of Humane Voters Oregon on HB 4034
House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water

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Chairs Helm and Owens, Vice Chair McDonald, and Members of the Committee:

Humane Voters Oregon is a nonprofit organization that works in Oregon's political process and elections to promote humane treatment of animals. We are not affiliated with any other state or national organization.

Humane Voters Oregon supports House Bill 4034.

HB 4034 would ease regulatory requirements on animal rescue entities – including record keeping requirements and potential fines – in favor of rules to be adopted by the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Animal rescue entities are critical to humane treatment of companion animals in Oregon. Humane Voters Oregon supports regulation of these entities to help ensure humane treatment of the animals in their care. However, many reputable animal rescue entities report being overburdened and excessively fined under the detailed regulatory requirements of existing statutes. HB 4034 would ease these requirements in favor of more practical requirements, allowing animal rescue entities to focus on their core functions of caring for and finding homes for abandoned companion animals, while still ensuring reasonable regulation for the benefit of animal welfare.

Thank you for considering our comments.

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