

OREGON HUMANE SOCIETY

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To: Senate Committee on Labor and Business
Senator Kathleen Taylor
Senator Cedric Hayden
Senator Winsvey Campos
Senator Christine Drazan
Senator Deb Patterson

From: Christopher Allori, Chief of Humane Law Enforcement, Oregon Humane Society

RE: Senate Bill 1569

Chair Taylor, Vice-Chair Hayden, and Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Christopher Allori, and I work for the Oregon Humane Society (OHS) in the role of Chief of Humane Law Enforcement (HLE) and I have worked in HLE for nearly six years. Prior to my employment with OHS I was employed by the Oregon State Police for twenty-six years primarily enforcing Oregon wildlife laws.

During my employment with OHS, I have had the opportunity to work with the State of Oregon Animal Cruelty Resource Prosecutor assigned to the Oregon Department of Justice on numerous occasions. I have learned to successfully prosecute an animal welfare offense; police officers and prosecutors must be able to understand and navigate the nuances of Oregon's animal welfare laws. I have found the Animal Cruelty Resource Prosecutor to be an invaluable resource to help me understand the animal welfare statutes and in assisting other county prosecutors with their respective animal welfare prosecutions.

As a retired police officer, I am aware of the physical and mental toll this type of work can have on individuals when they are exposed to trauma experienced by victims of abuse, neglect, and other tragedies. Although prosecutors may not be in the same work environment as police officers, they too, are exposed to the trauma suffered by victims while performing their duties. Reviewing police reports, listening to accounts from witnesses and victims, surveying crime scenes, seeing graphic crime photos and now with the advancement of technology, reviewing video footage of criminal activities can take a cumulative toll on those working within this field.


I was unaware that those employees assigned as an assistant attorney general of the Oregon Department of Justice were not included and qualified within the Oregon PERS as police officers. Prosecutors are part of the criminal justice system, whether they are employed by a county or the State of Oregon, and as such should be treated equally within the PERS concerning retirement benefits.

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The enforcement of Oregon's laws cannot be done without the support from those people working within the criminal justice system, which includes the positions referred to within SB 1569.

Please support Oregon's animal crime victims and those who work on their behalf by voting yes for SB 1569.

Sincerely,



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