

February 3, 2015

**House Bill 2475 / Chair Rep. Brad Witt
(Support)**

Dear Chair Witt, Vice Chairs and Committee Members:

The Oregon Veterinary Medical Association, representing nearly 1,000 veterinarians in all regions of our state, supports House Bill 2475.

As a practical matter, the legislation provides the Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board the discretion to impose a modest fine against a licensee who is in violation of administrative rules when they are minor in nature and do not pose a risk of harm to the patient.

It also is our understanding that the provisions under ORS Chapter 183 present the licensee with the ability to contest the charges of the OVMEB, thus ensuring important due process rights.

We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Representing OVMA