

Dear Chair Keny-Guyer and Committee Members:

On behalf of The Humane Society of the United States and our members and supporters in Oregon, I am writing to urge you to vote YES on H.B. 2004.

The HSUS supports public policies that have the effect of keeping families and their pets together and reducing the demands on public and private animal shelters. As it stands, too many pets are surrendered to shelters by people who are facing eviction from their homes and don't have time to find suitable accommodations for their animals. Allowing landlords to terminate tenancies without cause deprives pet-owning tenants of sufficient opportunity to either find pet-friendly housing or locate good homes for their animals. Those tenants are thus more likely to surrender their animals to their local shelters or rescues, most of which are likely already overburdened with animals in need of adoption.

The provisions of H.B. 2004 will provide tenants with pets additional time to locate housing that will accept their animals. As a result, pets will be able to remain with the families who love them, and animal shelters will appreciate the reduced strain on their limited resources.

For these reasons, The Humane Society of the United States supports H.B. 2004 and urges this committee to pass the measure to the full House with a "do-pass" recommendation.

Thank you for considering our position on this important and very worthy legislation.

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