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Chair Barnhart, members of the committee, my name is Douglas Schmidt and I am the Polk County Assessor testifying on behalf of the Oregon State Association of County Assessors (OSACA). At this time, OSACA is **Neutral** on HB 3459.

HB 3459 would allow a new property tax exemption for an organization who has a thrift store whose proceeds goes to the care of animals. As with any exemption, assessors are looking for clarity of language, purpose and intent so the bill can be implemented and administered efficiently and effectively. Assessors would have preferred additional clarity in defining some of the terms and phrases used in this bill.

Phrases such as, “animal shelter”, “welfare of animals” and what is meant by “aiding domesticated animals in emergency or dangerous situations”.

Even with some of the questions, we believe we can administer this bill.

Thank you. If you have questions I will try and answer them.