

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee,  
Honorable Senators,

I am submitting this as testimony in support of SB 638, which would join Oregon with other states (New York, California, and Connecticut) by having an open relationship between laboratory animals and shelters and/or rescue groups. As I understand it, SB 638 would require research laboratories in Oregon to release cats and dogs to shelters and rescue groups after their service in a research laboratory is completed.

I support humane treatment of animals and am not one to support using animals for research.

If there is some way to honor the lives of those animals that are being subjected to torture, toxins, confinement, stress and often slow deaths, then we have an obligation to take up that opportunity and thank those animals and give them what they deserved originally: A chance for a loving home and a safe and happy life.

I do not think this is too much to ask, and it seems to me to be the absolute very least we can do for these soulful beings upon whom torture is being conducted.

Please support SB 638.

Thank you,  
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