

Dear Chairman Barker and Members of the Committee,

My name is Katie Bahr, I am a veterinarian and the Oregon representative for the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association urging you to support of HB 2804, which would prohibit the sales of dogs and cats in pet stores in Oregon. HSVMA is a nationwide association of 9,200 veterinary professionals—including approximately 250 Oregon members—with a focus on the health and welfare of all animals.

Seven pet stores statewide still sell puppies and kittens. These animals often come from commercial breeding facilities with unsanitary conditions and cruel treatment of animals. The proposed legislation promotes animal welfare, adoption, and responsible breeding. HB 2804 will ensure the pet stores can no longer sell puppies and kittens that were born into conditions Oregonians would find appalling and that are predisposed to illness and behavioral issues.

Please support HB 2804 as it is very important to animal welfare in Oregon.

Respectfully,
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