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To: **House Committee on Business and Labor; Senator:** Thatcher; **Representatives:** Noble; Post [and many others].

Re: I SUPPORT [HB 2804]. Please read [HB 2804] so you can make your own informed decision.

[HB 2804]: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2804/Introduced>
Analysis: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureAnalysisDocument/43695>

I support [HB 2804] due to the numbers of animals slaughtered under the guise of "euthanasia" of un-wanted animals. Private animal breeders placing their animals for sale in Pet Stores contribute to the over-population of animals resulting in the deaths of many, many unwanted animals.

Animals in Individual Pet stores (including Big-Box stores) are too confined and are subjected to numerous noises and scents that are not healthful. Further, these animals are being constantly exposed to illness and if the animal gets sick-who knows what really happens.

If someone wants a "pure-bred" animal seek out responsible and professional animal breeders. Their animals are well cared for and have more space to "socialize" and are not "confined" in small cages potentially for days on end. If you don't want a "pure-bred" go to a shelter and rescue a good-natured mutt or kitty-cat that will love you to death.

This does not infer, suggest or imply that individual pet store owners and or animal breeders do not care and or love their animals but, the animal shelters have many, many good-natured animals looking for a home.

Perhaps a "new model" for the independent pet store owner / operator to consider is to provide services to the animal shelter and accept "sheltered animals" in their business model and receive tax credit(s) for doing so.

The "fine" should not be a paltry \$500.00.

The "fine" should be "jacked-up" to \$5000.00 to inflict real pain to deter the evil doers.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ David S. Wall

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