

**SB 883 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources**

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**Action Date:** 04/08/19

**Action:** Do pass and requesting referral to Ways and Means.

**Vote:** 5-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 5 - Bentz, Dembrow, Olsen, Prozanski, Roblan

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/4, 4/8

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Changes definition of “enforcing agency” from city or county dog licensing agency or other designated agency to State Veterinarian for purposes of regulating animal rescue entities.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Current regulation of animal rescue entities varies by city and county
- Local government resources for regulation varies
- Animal health concerns

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

ORS 609.415 defines "animal rescue entity" as an "individual or organization, including but not limited to an animal control agency, humane society, animal shelter, animal sanctuary or boarding kennel not subject to ORS 167.374, but excluding a veterinary facility, that keeps, houses and maintains in its legal custody 10 or more animals, whether physically located at a facility operated by the entity or kept, housed or maintained elsewhere, and that solicits or accepts donations in any form." Currently, the agency directed to enforce laws regulating animal rescue entities is the local agency that operates a city or county dog licensing and control program or any local agency designated by a city or county.

Senate Bill 883 would change the enforcing agency for purposes of regulating animal rescue entities from a city or county agency to the State Veterinarian.