

February 4, 2020

House Bill 4053 (Neutral)

Dear Chair Witt, Vice-Chair Gorsek, Vice-Chair Sprenger and Committee Members:

It is our understanding that Multnomah County (through their legislative liaison) will request to amend House Bill 4053 by removing line 21 – that requires veterinarians to report dog vaccinations for rabies to the county.

We agree with the expected amendment.

Any such requirement is best considered at the county level, as has been the case with each of the five counties (Clackamas, Klamath, Lane, Multnomah and Washington) that have adopted a similar requirement. This is important as it provides residents of that particular county with the opportunity to learn about the merits of any intended ordinance at the local level and to share their input on what is under consideration.

Sincerely,

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Glenn M. Kolb Executive Director