

HB 2915 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Business and Labor

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits retail pet store from offering to sell or selling dogs or cats. Specifies exceptions. Provides that violation is subject to civil penalty not to exceed \$500. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

440 United State localities, as well as the states of California, Washington, New York, Illinois, Maryland, and Maine have passed humane pet store laws that prohibit retail sales of dogs and cats at pet shops. The prohibition prevents retail pet stores from selling commercially raised puppies and kittens from breeding mills.

In 2009, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 2420 to curtail puppy mills in Oregon. The measure specified standards of care for dealers, breeders, and pet store owners, and limiting the number of sexually intact dogs per commercial breeding operation. Prohibiting retail sales of dogs and cats at pet shops builds on the law passed in 2009.

House Bill 2915 prohibits retail pet store from offering to sell or selling dogs or cats. The measure permits retail pet stores that sold dogs or cats prior to the measure being effective, to the continue to sell the animals provided the retail pet store: makes the offer to sell or sells at the physical address at which the retail pet store last sold a dog or cat before the effective date of the measure and ownership did not change between the effective date of the measure and any date that the retail pet store sells a dog or cat after the measures effective date.