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On Behalf Of:	
Committee:	House Committee On Rules
Measure:	HCR8

To the Oregon State Legislature,

PLEASE PASS HCR 8, which designates rescued shelter dogs and cats as the official Oregon state pet!! Help put an end to profits made by puppy mills and breeding farms, and send the Oregon citizens the message that it's a very good thing to adopt a shelter pet!!

In addition:

HCR 8 would help promote adoption of dogs and cats from animal shelters, which would help more homeless dogs and cats find homes.

HCR 8 would help reduce costs to taxpayers by reducing the number of dogs and cats in government-run animal shelters.

HCR 8 would honor the hard-working staff and volunteers at Oregon's numerous animal shelters, along with all the compassionate Oregonians who choose to give shelter dogs and cats another chance by adopting them.

HCR 8 would honor traits in shelter dogs and cats that many Oregonians share, including resilience, endurance, diversity, strength and hope.

HCR 8 would follow the good examples of several other states, including Colorado, Tennessee, California, Illinois and Georgia.

Your constituents are watching this bill! There is no good reason NOT to pass it!! Thank you,

Robin Russell