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

Dear House Committee on Rules,

Thank you for your service to Oregonians.

Naming Rescue Shelter Pets as our State Animal puts Oregon on the map as a State that puts compassion first. It says a lot about Oregonians, who are people who love and care for their pets. (It really opened my eyes to see that Kentucky has chosen to make Rescue Shelter animals their state animal, too!)

Furthermore, drawing attention to Oregon shelters and the animals in them can not only honor those who are dedicated to caring for these animals in need, but can encourage more adoptions. Recently we have all been made aware of the sad and horrifying situation at Multnomah County Animal Shelter. Animals can be forced to endure additional suffering and neglect without a spotlight to shine on the services shelters provide. We all know the strain on veterinary services and shelters alike in recent years. We need to lift up to a high level the role that shelters (and the caregivers that keep those shelters running professionally) play in keeping Oregon humane and safe.

Please pass HCR8. We can not afford to pass up a chance to help support Shelter animals and the dedicated staff that keeps shelters running professionally.

Thank you,
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