

Oregon State Legislature House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment 900 Court Street NE Salem, Oregon 97301

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Dear Committee Members,

Animal Policy Group (APG) represents the pet community by supporting policies important to animal health, pet care services, and general pet ownership. We appreciate the committee's work on HB2531, prohibiting the sale of a screw- or bayonet-base compact fluorescent lamps, and would like to offer one additional exemption.

Companion animals and livestock require heat and a wide range of UV that cannot be provided by alternative lighting products. This includes a wide range of animals including fish, lizards, snakes, turtles, chicks, goats, calves, etc. We recommend a broad exemption that covers all animal-related purposes. *"Any lamp used for the care of animals."* 

We are working on adding a similar amendment to bills in Hawaii and Washington, as well as the language passed by California last year. This is an emerging issue for states and the exemptions will surely evolve, quickly. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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