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Oregon needs to take a stand with our neighbors against the vile practice of businesses here profiting from puppy mills.

We've all seen the damage done to dogs kept in tiny cages and bred until their bodies break down. The rescues see so many of these dumped dogs every year, needing hundreds to thousands of dollars of veterinary care, not to mention the psychological damage. Some of these dogs have never known the feel of grass on their feet, or the wind in their fur. Prohibiting the selling of these dogs in pet stores is the right thing to do.

Preventing these stores from charging ridiculous interest rates and using financial practices that make medieval usury look reasonable is only logical.

I don't work for a rescue organization, but I support numerous rescues in the United States and Canada. It breaks my heart that my home state helps prop up these monstrous practices. As an Oregonian and dog owner, I'm asking that you support this bill.

Thank you.