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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary  
Measure: HB3571

Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Andersen and Wallan, Members of the Committee:

As the 2nd largest animal shelter in Oregon, Greenhill Humane Society in Eugene, OR has long supported efforts to improve the welfare and well-being of stray and unwanted cats in our community. Existing state law on required holding times for a found stray cat is unclear and creates challenges for animal shelters and rescue organizations that try to help lost, stray, and abandoned cats.

HB 3571 aims to clarify the law surrounding this issue and provide for safe and humane care of stray cats in our state. However, the bill as introduced includes concerning language which could have negative unintended consequences. I have spoken to the sponsor of the bill and believe that the proposed amendments will alleviate my concerns. If the requested amendments as discussed are in place, then I fully support the bill and encourage you to vote YES on HB 3571 as amended.

Respectfully,

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