

SB 1076 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure authorizes the Department of Agriculture (ODA) to charge annual, inflation-adjusted fees for animal rescue entity licenses and directs ODA to establish an animal breeder licensing program. It authorizes ODA to investigate animal breeders and ensure compliance and appropriates General Fund moneys to ODA for the animal breeder licensing program. Declares an emergency, effective upon passage.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

Detailed Summary:

License Fees for Animal Rescue Entities

Authorizes the Department of Agriculture (ODA) to charge the following animal rescue entity license or license renewal fees, adjusted yearly for inflation:

- \$600 for an animal control agency, animal shelter, or humane society
- \$400 for an animal sanctuary
- \$350 for all other entities not covered in the first two categories

Becomes operative January 1, 2026.

Establishment of a Breeder Licensing Program

Directs ODA to create a licensing program for animal breeders that includes licensing requirements, care standards, and fees for both licenses and renewals, adjusted yearly for inflation. The program must consider factors such as breeder size, regulatory costs, staff funding needs (including potentially hiring a veterinarian) and allow for varying fees based on breeder size. Requires ODA to adopt rules before June 30, 2026, and states that ODA cannot enforce provisions before January 1, 2028. Becomes operative January 1, 2027.

Adds breeders to existing ODA authority to investigate and inspect animal rescue entities to ensure that breeders are operating with a license and in compliance with licensing program requirements. Becomes operative January 1, 2028.

Continuously appropriates General Fund moneys to ODA for the animal breeder licensing program.

Declares an emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Generally, an animal breeder refers to any individual or organization engaged in the intentional mating of animals to produce specific qualities and characteristics, such as size, color, temperament, or performance abilities. Under current law, the term “animal breeder” is not explicitly defined in statute. An “Animal Rescue Entity” is defined in

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Oregon Revised Statutes 609.415 as any individual or organization that keeps, houses, and maintains in its legal custody 10 or more animals at any given time and that solicits or accepts donations in any form. This includes but is not limited to animal control agencies, humane societies, animal shelters, animal sanctuaries, and some boarding kennels.

The Department of Agriculture's (ODA) Animal Rescue Entity Licensing Program (ARE), established in 2021, ensures that animal rescue entities meet record keeping and licensing requirements.