

Senate Bill 328

Sponsored by Senator JAMA (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act prohibits animal shelters from killing dogs or cats due to a lack of space. The Act makes an exception for dogs or cats with fatal illnesses or severe injuries. The Act requires certain related reporting. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.9).

Prohibits an animal shelter from destroying a dog or cat on the basis of a lack of space for housing the dog or cat. Provides an exception if an animal has a terminal illness or severe injury. Instructs animal shelters to annually report on the destruction of animals. Instructs the State Department of Agriculture to annually report to committees or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to animals on the destruction of animals by animal shelters.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the destruction of animals by animal shelters.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) A city or county that maintains a facility to perform animal control**
5 **functions, a facility with which a city or county has contracted to perform animal control**
6 **functions or a humane society:**

7 (a) **May not cause a dog or cat to be destroyed, as described in ORS 609.405, on the basis**
8 **of a lack of space for housing the dog or cat.**

9 (b) **Shall establish a clear and documented limit for housing dogs and cats that is ap-**
10 **proved by the State Department of Agriculture.**

11 (c) **Shall submit a report to the department by July 1 of each year describing:**

12 (A) **The intake of dogs and cats since the last report under this paragraph.**

13 (B) **Limits for housing dogs and cats that are established under paragraph (b) of this**
14 **subsection.**

15 (C) **Any destruction of animals, including dogs or cats, since the last report under this**
16 **paragraph, including reasons for the destruction.**

17 (2) **Subsection (1)(a) of this section does not apply to the destruction of a dog or cat that**
18 **is suffering from a terminal illness or severe injury, as determined by a licensed**
19 **veterinarian.**

20 (3) **The department shall:**

21 (a) **Establish a process for approving limits for housing dogs and cats, as described in**
22 **subsection (1)(b) of this section.**

23 (b) **Report, in the manner prescribed by ORS 192.245, to committees or interim commit-**
24 **tees of the Legislative Assembly related to animals, on or before September 1 of each year,**
25 **on the reports the department received pursuant to subsection (1)(c) of this section since the**
26 **department's last report under this paragraph.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.