

Dear Chair Golden, Vice Chair Nash, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jason Bradley. I am a large animal veterinary practitioner in Grants Pass.

I do not support SB 976.

This bill would degrade the welfare of livestock in Oregon by allowing treatment of animals by unlicensed and improperly trained individuals. Veterinarians are required to prove competency through successfully completing a doctorate degree from an accredited veterinary school. This bill would allow improperly trained individuals to perform those tasks.

In addition, clients hiring these individuals will lose the consumer protections that are required of veterinarians in Oregon through licensing, continuing education, and insurance requirements.

In addition, to perform proper equine dentistry, a horse must be sedated. These sedatives include xylazine and detomidine. Allowing non veterinarians to perform equine dentistry will promote the misuse and illegal diversion of these drugs.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

I again urge you to vote no on this matter.

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