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Hello. I am writing in support of HB 3604. As a lifelong Salem resident and animal lover, I am concerned about the growing number of lost or abandoned cats in this area. Currently, if someone finds one of these cats and wants to do right by them, their only resources are smaller, donation funded agencies like Salem Friends of Felines or another local rescue. Often, we need to resort to trying to locate and work with a rescue outside the Salem area. All of this is necessary because Oregon Humane Society (OHS) will not accept stray cats from Marion County due to the nature of how current statute is not directed toward cats. There is a tremendous need for services from OHS in this community. As an animal lover, I have had to personally rescue, foster, and pay associated vet bills for abandoned cats that I have helped. Placing this burden on tax paying citizens who can't stand to see animals suffer is unfair. Placing this burden on small rescue organizations who rely on donations is also unfair. The work all these organizations do is so important and vital to the well being of these lost, ignored, abandoned animals. Please support and pass this bill. Thank you.