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I strongly support this bill to add fees for licenses and to set legal standards for breeders in Oregon. I have adopted a few different dogs from different rescues in the past several years and have seen how the number of overbred dogs have ended up in shelters and rescues. Particularly, I have seen a rise in the number of puppies, as well as kittens, in shelters and rescues as breeders have flooded the pet industry with too many young animals to place in homes. So now the burden is placed on already crowded rescues.

In addition, I have seen a breeder in my neighborhood continue to breed dogs, even when the health of the mother dog is suffering. I have seen her continue to breed dogs even after her dogs produce litters of sick and dying pups. She has no regulations set on her and no inspections so she continues to breed in her backyard. Adding fees and legal standards would decrease the overwhelming dog and cat population here in Oregon, and would help ensure the safety and health of dogs and cats being bred.

In addition, this bill will help ease the immense work and burden put on rescues and shelters to find homes for all of these animals.