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On Behalf Of:
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Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1076

My name is Jon Gramstad, and I am writing to ask for your support of Senate Bill 1076. Simply put, this legislation is long overdue. As a Portland business owner it is baffling to me as to why we allow animal breeders exemptions from the fees and penalties required of all other for profit businesses.

My neighbor just purchased another dog from someone she calls "her breeder" for \$3800. The day before I sold a dining set for the same price, \$3800. The difference: I pay the appropriate taxes but the animal breeder does not. (Receipts available upon request)

Here, Multnomah County Animal Control is funded exclusively through monies provided by the county general fund as well as appropriate fees (licenses) and penalties. Why is it I am required to provide the financial support for a service that directly involves animal breeders when they (breeders) are exempted from financially supporting a public service much of which is the consequence of their activity? As stated above, one dog from a litter of six sells for \$3800. If they all sell, the income is \$22,800. That, to me, that is a for profit enterprise and should be subjected to the same rules and responsibilities as my for profit enterprise. I seek, if nothing else, fairness.

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