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RE: The American Kennel Club Opposes SB 1076

Dear Chair Golden and Members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire:

For more than 130 years, American Kennel Club (AKC) has been dedicated to promoting responsible dog ownership and protecting the health and wellbeing of dogs. **The AKC writes today on behalf of our 104 Oregon state dog clubs and thousands of constituent dog owners to urge you to oppose Senate Bill 1076.**

The American Kennel Club opposes the concept of breeding permits, breeding bans, or limits on the number of dogs Oregonians may own—all issues that could be affected by Senate Bill 1076. **Oregon already possesses robust laws that regulate commercial dog breeders.** Senate Bill 1076 would create confusion and an additional burden for responsible Oregonians already in compliance with existing law, and potentially require someone who breeds and sells one dog to be forced to open their home to inspection.

Further, responsible dog breeders and owners are not the cause of shelter intakes or pet overpopulation; as such, they should not be further singled out with what amounts to be penalties on their lawful and responsible activities —especially when those costs can later be increased by the Department of Agriculture.

The AKC strongly supports the humane treatment of dogs, including providing an adequate and nutritious diet, clean living conditions, regular veterinary care, kind and responsive human companionship and training in appropriate behavior—measures already required under existing law. We believe these issues are already properly addressed under the clear and reasonable state animal cruelty laws that are applied currently. We respectfully oppose further legislation that creates burdens on responsible home-based breeders and does not improve the welfare of dogs.

Thank you for your consideration. We and our constituent Oregon dog clubs welcome the opportunity to work with you to address concerns without extensive licensing and regulation requirements for home-based hobby breeders. Please do not hesitate to contact us at (919) 816-3960 or bxr@akc.org if we can provide further information.

Regards,

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