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Wildfire  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1076

As a citizen of Oregon and resident of Washington County, I strongly oppose SB 1076. The bill is poorly worded and framed and unfairly punishes responsible breeding practices. Some of the reasons I oppose this follows:

- The term "pet" remains undefined, meaning livestock sold as pets could fall under its scope.
- Programs like 4H, FFA, and AKC Juniors depend on breeders to supply animals for their educational and competitive activities—this legislation would directly impact them.
- A decline in purposefully bred working and assistance dogs is inevitable, affecting Guide Dogs for the Blind, PTSD service dogs for veterans, Therapy Dogs, Livestock Guardian Dogs, and herding dogs essential for moving sheep and cattle.
- Oregon has previously had to rely on general fund subsidies to support its Rescue License program. With SB 1076, licensing fees will fall short of covering implementation costs, once again forcing the state to draw from general funds for enforcement.
- Despite having the strictest animal welfare laws in the nation, Oregon struggles with enforcement. Rather than introducing new legislation, the focus should be on ensuring existing laws are upheld to protect animals effectively.
- Shelters and rescues in Oregon are already at capacity, largely due to the thousands of animals brought in from other states each year. Of these, 80% are mixed breeds, while only 20% are purebred. In 2023 alone, the Oregon Humane Society took in over 4,500 animals from six different states.

As a small business owner of a dog sport center, this bill could be detrimental. Please don't move forward with it.