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Testimony in Opposition to Oregon Senate Bill 1076

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To: Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 1076. While I fully support responsible breeding and animal rescue efforts, I believe this bill will have unintended negative consequences for small-scale breeders, rescue organizations, and responsible pet owners. I urge the committee to reconsider the impact of this bill for the following reasons:

1. Unfair Burden on Small Breeders and Hobbyists

SB 1076 imposes licensing fees (\$350–\$600), which could be financially crippling for small, ethical breeders who do not operate as commercial businesses.

The bill does not clearly distinguish between large-scale commercial breeding operations and small, home-based breeders who raise a limited number of animals.

2. Overregulation of Rescue Organizations

Many animal rescues already struggle with limited resources. Adding licensing fees and increased regulatory requirements may force some to close their doors.

This could lead to fewer adoption opportunities, ultimately harming the animals the bill intends to protect.

3. Criminalization of Responsible Breeders and Rescuers

The proposed penalties (up to six months in jail or a \$2,500 fine) are excessive for individuals who may simply be unaware of the new regulations or have minor infractions.

Enforcement resources should be focused on actual cases of neglect, abuse, and large-scale puppy mills, rather than punishing responsible individuals.

4. Unclear Definitions and Overreach

The bill lacks clarity on how a "breeder" is defined—potentially categorizing anyone who sells even a single litter as a commercial breeder subject to licensing.

This ambiguity could discourage responsible pet owners from occasionally breeding well-socialized, healthy animals.

5. Potential for Reduced Animal Welfare

If small breeders and rescues shut down due to excessive costs and regulation, fewer ethically raised pets will be available, potentially driving demand toward

unregulated online sellers and out-of-state puppy mills.

The bill does not provide any financial or logistical support for rescues or small breeders to comply with new regulations.

Conclusion

I urge lawmakers to consider alternative solutions that focus enforcement on unethical, large-scale operations rather than imposing sweeping regulations that disproportionately harm responsible breeders and rescuers. A more targeted approach that strengthens existing animal welfare laws without overburdening responsible caretakers would be a better path forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I respectfully request that you oppose SB 1076 in its current form.

Sincerely,  
Rene' Warren