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Thank you for allowing citizens a chance to respond to bills. When I see a bill such as this, especially ones with such polarizing support or opposition, I look at the folks behind the bill and the issue. This one's clear.

The main points for this bill are to create licensing requirements for rescue groups and breeders. This would create fees and allow the "babysitter" agencies to collect those fees and the data of individuals, pass the information along to non-government agencies such as the Oregon Humane Society. Note: The OHS takes in donations, sells the animals they seize and have police powers to help them get those animals. Please remember, the OHS is so poor with their police procedures/due process, a court threw out a few years' worth of convictions. This bill would also allow the agency staff and the OHS unfettered access to the homes and property of individuals. The 4th amendment comes to mind here.

Who is ultimately behind such a bill? The Humane Society of the United States and the Oregon Humane Society as well as other like-minded folks. A few minutes of researching the HSUS, tells us they have been riddled with drama and integrity issues which has led them to lose or settle legal battles (including the largest RICO payout in history) and of course forcing themselves rebrand under the Humane World for Animals moniker. Their smaller kissing cousins, The Oregon Humane Society has helped to import and dump onto Oregonians, some of the worst and problematic animals in the country, partly because "we MUST save all the animals".... They don't perform health testing on animals prior to finding homes that are often ill-equipped. This includes heartworm and Brucellosis. They love to swoop in and raid breeders seizing animals which gleans them donations and sales income. They are part of a larger network of groups across the country who transport animals from areas who have failed to control their own pet populations.

Oregon is a ripe location for transport rescues BECAUSE we have done a good job of controlling our own pet population.

I question the ethics behind the Oregon Humane Society and others who want to push this bill. They appear to be hoping for more raids, more pets to sell and more donations. Why are they not supporting the local governments? It looks like the counties and cities have it covered? Clearly OHS and other folks benefit from having "stock" to sell. They need the cycle to continue.

The current license procedure for rescues is operating. The current license procedures for breeders and pet owners are in place at county/city levels. There are long lists of rescues, pet owners, and breeders already signed up and complying. Why does the state need another layer of government and enforcement? Looking through the comments already supplied, dog breeders have their own compliance/ethical standards, and educational opportunities. Look at those who benefit from enforcement and data collection. The Oregon Humane Society and their friends.... It's SIMPLE, so they have more stock and donation opportunities.

Yes, I'm a little bold.... Sorry, Grumpy old Marines tend to be that way.

I oppose this bill. The points are already covered by current laws and enforcement. Please bring some common sense to this committee and leave the enforcement of the animal owners, breeders and rescue groups to the locals and those who know and understand the issues. There is no need to add another layer of enforcement.

Signed,  
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