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I SUPPORT [SB 733]. Good morning Committee Members!

In my former jurisdiction, in rural areas; any dog off of its owner's property, that menaces, kills, and or injures (livestock, birds et cetera) can be 'shot dead on the spot' legally, without liability to the shooter. The shooting of the vicious dog is allowed but, if the bullet(s) and or shotgun pellets pass through the dog and causes personal injuries, death and or property damages, the shooter is in some hot water.

In the boundaries of a municipality, any dog off of the owner's property and menaces any animal or is a threat to public safety, could be 'shot dead on the spot' by law enforcement, a citizen in 'self-defense', or if it is still alive-be immediately impounded, with significant fines and upon a hearing could be 'put down' for cause.

So, what is the 'Big-deal' in Oregon?

One huge problem is most cities and counties do not have an Animal Control Department that deals with all animals and animal related problems; (Rabies control, other vaccination issues) enforcing jurisdictional and or state statutes, Kennel operations, spay-neuter services et cetera.

Another huge problem is the Oregon's animal statutes are for yesteryear, not for today.

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Mr. Oregon Concurs and says, "Robust Animal Control Departments with corresponding Kennel operations, proper equipment et cetera and reformulated animal statutes is sorely needed. Sheriff Departments should not be used for animal transport and or confinement issues."