



## HUMANE VOTERS | OREGON

### 2019 OREGON LEGISLATURE - PROPOSALS AFFECTING ANIMAL WELFARE (as of 2/24/19)

Bill	Subject	Description	HVO Position	Brief Explanation of Position
<a href="#">HB2804</a>	Pet Adoption	Would require retail pet stores to sell dogs, cats and rabbits only from rescues and shelters.	Support	Requiring retail pet stores to get dogs, cats and rabbits from rescues and shelters would reduce demand for animals from inhumane mass breeding operations and help find homes for more shelter animals.
<a href="#">HCR12</a>	State Pet	Would designate rescued shelter dogs and cats as state pet.	Support	Designating rescued shelter dogs and cats as the state pet would help promote pet adoption.
<a href="#">SB103</a>	Industrial Dairies	Would create moratorium on new or expanded dairies with more than 2,500 cows or more than 700 if no seasonal access to pasture. Also would create task force (equal number of industry and animal welfare representatives) to study animal welfare issues and make recommendations.	Support	Industrial-scale dairies create numerous animal welfare issues, including extreme confinement, lack of access to pasture and generally treating cows more like machines than conscious living things.
<a href="#">SB404</a>	Poaching	Would increase penalty for second poaching conviction within two years.	Support	Humane treatment of animals includes respecting laws to protect fish and wildlife. Increasing penalties for poaching will help prevent it.
<a href="#">SB723</a>	Killing Contests	Would ban contests to kill the most (or heaviest, etc.) coyotes.	Support	Contests to see who can kill the most (or the heaviest, etc.) are cruel and disrespectful to wildlife.
<a href="#">HB2829</a>	Wildlife	Would establish an Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund to help fund Department of Fish and Wildlife.	Support	The Department of Fish and Wildlife receives a large portion of its budget from hunting and fishing licenses, which we believe causes it to favor hunters and anglers in wildlife management decisions. This bill would help diversify the Department's funding, which we believe would help lead to decisions reflecting the interests of all Oregonians



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<a href="#">SB268</a>	Pet Adoption	Would create an income tax subtraction for adopting dogs and cats from animal rescue entities.	Support	A tax credit for expenses of adopting a dog or cat would help promote and encourage adoption and thereby help provide more shelter dogs and cats with homes.
<a href="#">SB580</a>	Predator Control	Would prohibit the use of cyanide devices (M44s) to control wildlife.	Support	Cyanide devices inflict excessive pain and suffering on intended targets (generally coyotes) and can injure or kill unintended targets such as dogs.
<a href="#">SB583</a>	Wildlife	Would require the Department of Fish and Wildlife to conduct study re designation/protection of wildlife corridors.	Support	Humane treatment of animals includes protecting and restoring wildlife habitat.
<a href="#">SB638</a>	Research Animals	Would require reseach labs to offer animals to rescue after research.	Support	Research animals should be given a chance to have a home and a normal life.
<a href="#">HB2113</a>	Wildlife	Would require the Department of Fish and Wildlife to develop program with technical assistance for nonlethal management of conflicts with wildlife.	Support	Humane treatment of animals includes attempting to manage conflicts with wildlife using non-lethal methods.
<a href="#">HB2500</a>	Animal Abuse	Would provide a private cause of action to recover from animal abuser expenses of getting veterinary care for animal (and costs and attorney fees).	Support	A person who abuses an animal should be required to pay for any veterinary services provided by a third party to treat injuries resulting from the abuse.
<a href="#">HB2841</a>	Wildlife	Would allow the Department of Fish and Wildlife to refuse to disclose information on wildlife location to protect wildlife.	Support	Allowing the Department of Fish and Wildlife to withhold information on wildlife location would prevent this information from being used to kill wildlife.
<a href="#">SB439</a>	Wildlife	Would prohibit confining a game bird or mammal for use at a hunting club.	Support	Confining wildlife for "hunters" to kill is inhumane.



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<a href="#">HB2370</a>	Cougar Hunting	Would allow counties to opt out of ban on hunting cougars with dogs.	Oppose	Hunting cougars with dogs, which was banned by ballot measure in 1994, is inhumane because it does not respect principles of "fair chase" in hunting.
<a href="#">HB2795</a>	Cougar Hunting	Would create "pilot program" to allow hunting cougars with dogs within county electing to participate.	Oppose	Hunting cougars with dogs, which was banned by ballot measure in 1994, is inhumane because it does not respect principles of "fair chase" in hunting.
<a href="#">SB306</a>	Cougar Hunting	Would allow counties to opt out of ban on hunting cougars with dogs.	Oppose	Hunting cougars with dogs, which was banned by ballot measure in 1994, is inhumane because it does not respect principles of "fair chase" in hunting.
<a href="#">SB340</a>	Cougar Hunting	Would require cougar season permitting use of dogs.	Oppose	Hunting cougars with dogs, which was banned by ballot measure in 1994, is inhumane because it does not respect principles of "fair chase" in hunting.
<a href="#">HB2747</a>	Wildlife	Would require representatives of various interests on Fish and Wildlife Commission - generally favoring hunting, fishing, farming and ranching and not animal welfare.	Oppose	The proposed Commission makeup would under-represent people who care about Oregon wildlife but do not hunt, fish or own rural land.
<a href="#">HCR7</a>	State Dog	Would designate the border collie as the state dog.	Oppose	We love Border collies, too, but rescue dogs and cats should be state pet (see below). This bill would detract from their status as such.



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<a href="#">HJR9</a>	Hunting	Would refer to voters a proposal to make hunting and fishing a Constitutional right and say hunting fishing are the preferred method of wildlife management.	Oppose	If approved by voters, this measure would interfere with laws and regulations to ensure humane treatment of animals. We also disagree that hunting and fishing should be the preferred method of wildlife management and that any such statement on the subject should be in the state Constitution.
<a href="#">HB2367</a>	Marine Sancturaries	Would require the Governor to say proposed national marine sanctuaries off the Oregon coast are unacceptable unless the Legislature supports it.	Oppose	Marine sanctuaries are good for animals. This bill would make it more difficult to create them.
<a href="#">HB2381</a>	Salmon Predators	Would require Department of Fish and Wildlife to develop program to "manage" species that prey on salmon in SW Oregon.	Oppose	Decline of salmon in Oregon is primarily due to human impacts, not other animals pursuing their natural source of food.
<a href="#">SB70</a>	Veterinary Practice	Would modify exemptions to to requirements for veterinary license.	Monitoring	This bill primarily deals primarily with technical licensing issues but includes some language on which we might comment regarding owners treating their own animals.
<a href="#">SB71</a>	Euthanasia	Amends board of pharmacy statute to allows use of sedative and analgesic by more entities when euthanizing animals	Monitoring	This bill could increase availability of humane euthansia, but we are still studying it.



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<a href="#">SB76</a>	Animal Racing	Would authorize Oregon Racing Commission to issue licenses for new form of betting technology (ADW). Includes legislative findings promoting horse racing.	Monitoring	SBs 76-78 are primarily to facilitate gambling on horse racing but could also do the same for greyhound racing. Greyhound racing is generally recognized as leading to inhumane treatment of dogs. Horse racing also raises issues with respect to humane treatment of horses. We are still considering whether to take a position on these bills
<a href="#">SB77</a>	Animal Racing	Would allow Oregon Racing Commission to adopt rules to authorize and license "Multi-Jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Wagering Totalizator Hubs" to conduct simulcast broadcasting of, and mutuel wagering on, animal races, including previously held races on which mutuel wagering is lawful in Oregon.	Monitoring	SBs 76-78 are primarily to facilitate gambling on horse racing but could also do the same for greyhound racing. Greyhound racing is generally recognized as leading to inhumane treatment of dogs. Horse racing also raises issues with respect to humane treatment of horses. We are still considering whether to take a position on these bills
<a href="#">SB78</a>	Animal Racing	Directs Oregon Racing Commission to adopt rules related to issuance of licenses to conduct off-race course simulcast mutuel wagering; current system allows simulcast betting only under license by facility with a track.	Monitoring	SBs 76-78 are primarily to facilitate gambling on horse racing but could also do the same for greyhound racing. Greyhound racing is generally recognized as leading to inhumane treatment of dogs. Horse racing also raises issues with respect to humane treatment of horses. We are still considering whether to take a position on these bills
<a href="#">HB2683</a>	Pet Housing	Prohibits landlords from charging additional rent or fees for pets.	Monitoring	We do not want pet owners to pay extra but, as long as landlords can prohibit pets entirely, we worry that prohibiting extra charges could make pet-friendly housing less available.



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<a href="#">HB2758</a>	Service Animals	Makes it a crime (violation) to misrepresent service animal.	Monitoring	Waiting to see how this develops and hear what others say.
<a href="#">HB2815</a>	Prison Programs	Directs Department of Corrections to work with nonprofit on prison-based animal program to develop pet care vocational skills; DOC to adopt rules re requirements for eligibility of inmate and nonprofit.	Monitoring	Waiting to see how this develops and hear what others say.
<a href="#">HB2955</a>	Hunting	Allows person meeting certain criteria to hunt wildlife with crossbow.	Monitoring	Learning more about this issue.
<a href="#">HB3019</a>	Wildlife	Would authorize Department of Fish and Wildlife to designate critical habitat for biodiversity. Creates strict liability for spill of oil or hazardous material in critical habitat during unpermitted transportation of same.	Monitoring	We support protecting wildlife habitat but this is more about hazardous material management.
<a href="#">SB466</a>	Assistance Animals	Creates task force to develop standards for animal to qualify as assistance animal.	Monitoring	Waiting to see how this develops and hear what others say.
<a href="#">HB2111</a>	Hunting	Would prohibit state agency from closing land to hunting unless notifies Department of Fish and Wildlife and 30-day notice, with exceptions for emergencies.	Monitoring	Waiting to see how this develops and hear what others say.
<a href="#">HB2442</a>	Wolves	Appropriates money for wolf management compensation fund (\$800,000)	Monitoring	Waiting to see how this develops and hear what others say.
<a href="#">HB2746</a>	Wolves	Ties wolf compensation funding to wolf population estimates; requires certain spending including for nonlethal deterrents to livestock attacks by wolves.	Monitoring	Waiting to see how this develops and hear what others say.
<a href="#">SB407</a>	Poaching	Would say a court must consider income of dependant on requestion (second conviction).	No position	



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<a href="#">HB2356</a>	Aquaculture	Transfers authority for regulating finfish aquaculture from Department of Fish and Wildlife to Department of Agriculture; requires grants for more aquaculture.	No position	