

Submitter: NW Coastal Range

On Behalf Of:

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SB 0496 SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Oregon Legislature is gone completely mad, six million dollars; house-less people choose to live outdoors over shelters. House-less people also chose to obtain a pet. Pets are not people, nothing in the U.S. Constitution or the Oregon Constitution allows the welfare of the citizens' happiness and prosperity to go hand and hand with domestic pet ownership, as pets are mentioned zero times.

Reread the ludicrousness of parts Legislative Bill below that the presenters are asking of the citizen taxpayers and what is included. The same is not afforded to a housed person in this state for domestic pet care freebies. Although no doubt the rules will be bent and society may be untruthful for the free Benny's. Will the Housing and Community Services Department visit the outdoor space where the client claims to live?

Oregon is a house-less welfare state already, where and when in the heck did Oregon become a 'sanctuary state'. How do citizens undo this tag 'sanctuary state'. Do not remember voting or requesting the label of a "sanctuary state". Oregon government entities have peddled the house-less narrative so fervently that the homeless have no problem standing in front of a news camera and belatedly say: "the government will not give me housing that is why I live in this homeless camp" and "the government will not pay for my drug/alcohol treatment, and if I do not live as a homeless person I cannot afford my drug of choice". The reality is that humans are resilient and if you're down to your last \$100 you hustle and right your finances to pay expenses. The Oregon Legislature is priming the homeless scenario in a largest manner and the citizen taxpayers may never be able to dig ourselves out from. The first principal of drug/alcohol addicted persons, DO NOT ENABLE THE ADDICTED.

Text Excerpt:

... individuals' pets, including pet food, shelter, supplies and basic veterinary services. The council shall require that an organization receiving funds to provide individuals with pet assistance described in subsection (3)(a)(E) of this section operate or provide funding to operate an emergency or domestic violence shelter that:

- (A) Has rules of conduct and responsibility regarding pets and their owners;
- (B) Provides crates or kenneling either onsite or offsite that is easily accessible to the pet owners;
- (C) Provides food for both individuals staying at the shelter and their pets; and
- (D) Offers veterinary services, onsite or offsite, including vaccination, behavioral

support and spaying and neutering.

In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Housing and Community Services Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$6,000,000, for deposit into the Emergency Housing Account