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# INITIATIVE PETITION

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### Caption

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### Chief Petitioner

David Andrew Michelson 25 NW 23rd Place Ste 6 #402 Portland, OR 97210

### Comments

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To be considered, draft ballot title comments and procedural constitutional requirement comments must be received in their entirety by the Elections Division no later than 5 pm.

### Comments Due

June 4, 2021

### How to Submit

Scan and Email: [irrlistnotifier.sos@oregon.gov](mailto:irrlistnotifier.sos@oregon.gov)

Fax: 503.373.7414

Mail: 255 Capitol St NE Ste 501, Salem OR 97310

More information, including the draft ballot title and text of the petition, is contained in the [IRR Database](#) available at [www.oregonvotes.gov](http://www.oregonvotes.gov).

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May 20, 2021

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Office of the Secretary of State  
255 Capitol St. NE, Suite 501  
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Proposed Initiative Petition — Prohibits Injuring or Killing Animals, Most Breeding Practices; Self-Defense Exceptions. Redefines Animal Abuse Crimes.

DOJ File #BT-13-21; Elections Division #2022-013

Dear Ms. Scroggin:

We have prepared and hereby provide to you a draft ballot title for the above-referenced prospective initiative petition. The proposed measure relates to redefining crimes of animal abuse, animal neglect, and sexual assault of animals.

Written comments from the public are due to you within ten business days after your receipt of this draft title. A copy of all written comments provided to you should be forwarded to this office immediately thereafter.

A copy of the draft ballot title is enclosed.

Sincerely,

/s/ Megan Bradley

Megan Bradley  
Paralegal

Enclosure

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## **DRAFT BALLOT TITLE**

**Prohibits injuring or killing animals, most breeding practices; self-defense exceptions. Redefines animal abuse crimes**

**Result of “Yes” Vote:** “Yes” vote prohibits intentional injuring/ killing of animals, including farming, hunting, fishing, research/ teaching; self- defense exception. Redefines animal crimes, criminalizes most breeding practices.

**Result of “No” Vote:** “No” vote retains current law allowing injury/ death to animals by killing livestock, hunting, fishing, animal husbandry, other lawful activities. No restrictions on breeding practices.

**Summary:** Under current law, many activities that do or may kill or injure animals are lawful, not crimes, such as good animal husbandry practices; slaughtering livestock and poultry; fishing, hunting, and trapping; rodeos; animal research and teaching. Proposed measure removes most exceptions to crimes of animal abuse, animal neglect, sexual abuse of animals. Includes mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish. Redefines animal abuse to include any intentional, knowing, reckless physical injury or death to animals; exception for defense against apparent threat of immediate violence by an animal. Eliminates defense to animal neglect crimes for practices currently authorized by law. Criminalizes animal breeding practices for domestic, livestock, and equine animals that involve touching the mouth, anus, sexual organs of the animal; exception for good veterinary practices. Other provisions.