



14 March 2024

Ms. LaVonne Griffin-Valade
Oregon Secretary of State
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RE: Initiative Petition 2026-028 Criminalizes injuring or killing animals, including killing for food, hunting, fishing; criminalizes breeding practices. Exceptions

Dear Ms. Griffin-Valade:

Safari Club International (SCI) is a 501(c)(4), dedicated to preserving the freedom to hunt and has two chapters operating within Oregon as well as many members not associated with a chapter. SCI believes that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species, is necessary to the long-term health of wildlife. Hunters have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation. We view IP28 as a direct attack on Oregonian's ability to hunt, fish, farm, ranch, and feed the state.

SCI appreciates the attention and consideration to comments previously submitted by SCI and others regarding IP28's initial iterations as IP3 and then IP 13. Many of the previous concerns were noted and incorporated into IP13's revised language. Because of this, we have only a few requests for further specificity due to the additional language in IP28.

Ballot title

We understand that capturing the major points of the initiative in 15 words is a daunting task. We would recommend no changes.

Result of a "Yes" Vote:

Due to the limitation of 25 words in the count, we would suggest the following changes to this section of language:

"Yes" vote criminalizes injuring or killing animals, including for food, farming, ranching, hunting, fishing, trapping, pest control, research/teaching; criminalizes breeding practices. Exempts some veterinary practices, self-defense.



Result of a "No" Vote:

We would recommend no changes to this section.

Summary:

Due to the limitation of 125 words, we would suggest a few edits to this section to more clearly define the overall effects of the initiative.

Under current law, specific activities that do or may kill or injure animals are lawful, including animal husbandry practices ~~such as dehorning, docking, castration, or neutering; slaughtering livestock and poultry;~~ animal breeding practices; fishing, hunting, and trapping; wildlife management practices; rodeos; scientific or agricultural research and teaching; control of vermin and nuisance animals; reasonable handling, training techniques. Proposed measure would make those practices, and other common practices involving animals, criminal offenses if injury/death occurs. Criminalizes common breeding practices for domestic, livestock, and equine animals; exception for "good veterinary practices" and self-defense. Applies to mammals (including vermin), birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish. Criminalizes hunting, fishing, trapping. Eliminating hunting and fishing licenses would remove funding from wildlife management. Creates taxpayer-funded job training fund for persons who lose livelihood due to initiative's enactment. Other provisions.

In conclusion, we would like to strongly express our genuine concern over the content of this initiative and the detrimental effects it would have on the lives of Oregonians. Therefore, we appreciate your attention to the details of the ballot language and ask that you strive to make these effects as clear as possible to the voting public.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Tinker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "B" and "T".

Brian Tinker

SCI Member and Oregon Registered Voter

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