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### **"Save-a-lynx" bill on its way to Governor**

**Salem, OR** - The House of Representatives passed Senate Bill 1584 on a vote of 52 to 2 Wednesday, giving an Oregon City Marine the ability to keep his pet lynx, a doctor authorized service animal.

"I'm thrilled that Sosha the lynx will be able to stay at the side of Patrick Clark," said Senator Alan Olsen (R-Canby) who sponsored the rescue legislation. "Patrick has done a lot for our country and state, and this is a small way to honor him for his service."

A law passed in 2009 made it illegal to own many wild animals in Oregon. Patrick Clark has owned Sosha, a 16-year-old lynx, since she was 10 days old. Sosha is a part of the Clark family and much loved member of their home.

Olsen introduced SB 1584 for the February legislative session, which if adopted would allow Clark to seek a permit from the Department of Agriculture and to keep lynx.

Senate Bill 1584 is on its way to Governor Kitzhaber, who is expected to sign it.

Olsen and his wife Juanita make their home in Canby. Olsen is a veteran of the United States Army, serving from 1969 to 1971. He is a general contractor and small business owner building homes and structures across Oregon. Senate District 20 includes Canby, Oregon City, Damascus, Estacada and rural parts of Clackamas County.

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