

Dear Senators,

Please oppose Senate Bill 790 and SB 885 because this legislation is not necessary in Oregon, in my opinion. There are Oregon laws in place to adequately address animal cruelty; these existing laws should be utilized to prosecute acts that are cruel to animals. We don't need additional animal cruelty laws that could involve unintended consequences which may interfere with current practices used in horse training, rodeo, ranching. Currently, none of the methods used to carry out these activities are intended to cause harm to the horse, so further legislation is not necessary. Ranchers and participants in rodeos do not want to cause harm to animals, therefore should not be subjected to more rules and regulations governing what can and can't be done with their animals.

While SB 790 and SB 885 seems to be aimed at "equine tripping" the statement "A person commits the offense of equine tripping if the person intentionally causes an equine to trip or fall," seems to have meaning beyond initial interpretation and could possibly be misinterpreted if this bill were to become law.

Please oppose this legislation due to the possible unintended consequences.

Thank you for your time and consideration,



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