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We have concern over this bill. Please understand that this could be impossible for those of us who use horses (& love horses) in Eastern Oregon. Just because the West side of the state thinks this is a good idea -- it is not!

The bill prohibits "intentionally caus[ing] an equine to trip or fall, or intentionally rop[ing] or lasso[ing] the legs of an equine, for purposes of a rodeo, contest, exhibition, entertainment or sport or as practice." This bill has far-reaching implications, including possible restrictions on private landowners engaged in horse handling or the administration of veterinary care. We love horses and care for them as if they were family members. Please do not limit our ability to care for them!

I think this bill is confusing since it now includes a "Right to Rodeo" and a ban on horse roping. We absolutely support rodeos and understand its contributions to the economy - it is also a way of life and respected activity. However, the inclusion of the horse roping ban makes it a terrible bill to support.

Please hear your Oregon citizens - do not limit us when you haven't been a part of this life!

Thank you
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