

Testimony in Support of HB 3213

March 16, 2023

Chair Kropf, Vice-Chair Andersen and Wallan, and members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Kim Thatcher and I serve as State Senator for Senate District 11. I am pleased to have the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of HB 3213.

The time has come for Oregon to end the sale of cosmetic products that have been unnecessarily tested on animals. Animal testing for cosmetics is a cruel and outdated practice that should not be supported by our state. Thousands of ingredients with a history of proven safe use are already available for cosmetics manufacturers. If a company wants to sell its cosmetic products in Oregon and wishes to use brand new ingredients, there are at least 50 alternative test methods available for use that do not involve animals and provide safety results that are more relevant to humans.

In addition to helping prevent the unnecessary and cruel testing on animals for cosmetics in Oregon, HB 3213 aligns with industry support of ending the practice in the country as a whole. Over 1,000 cosmetics brands in North America, along with the largest cosmetics trade association, support ending the sale of cosmetic products that have been tested on animals. Passage of HB 3213 would therefore not only mean helping to prevent unnecessary animal suffering, but listening to the will of Oregonians *and* orienting our state with the direction industry is moving in.

I urge you to pass HB 3213 and align our state with 10 additional states, including California, Nevada, and New York, that have already passed similar legislation. Oregon should be a state where our residents can confidently purchase cosmetics knowing that they are free of unnecessary animal testing.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of HB 3213 and your consideration of swift passage of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Kim Thatcher