

Dear House Judiciary Committee Members,

As a Pendleton Round Up & Happy Canyon Staff member, we oppose HB 3124 and ask that this letter be a part of your committee's hearing.

Tax dollars and legislative resources are being wasted to propose duplicate laws. Oregon already has animal cruelty laws; ORS Chapter 167, if we strongly enforce these current laws, we should not have to make this new one.

This bill uses undefined terms that leave law interpretation open to enforcement officers to cite good citizens providing important conservation and education outreach.

Our rodeo would be heavily affected by this ban. We support our small community tremendously and are a huge reason why all of our businesses are still afloat. The Pendleton Round Up & Happy Canyon Association has a sixty-five million dollar economic impact on Eastern Oregon.

Our events abide by the animal cruelty laws already put in place to insure that our animals are safe. As I have been to this rodeo for the past 10+ years and seen behind the scenes, I can insure you that our animals are kept safe.

We hope that you take this opposition into consideration and vote NO on HB3214.

Thank you

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