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On Behalf Of: myself

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure: HB3214

I am writing to you personally to let you know that I am very concerned about HB 3214, the exotic animal travel ban. I am concerned in that it is a foot in the door to ban all animal shows and exhibitions, such as 4-H, FFA, a circus, and rodeos. We have stood against these efforts locally regarding banning exotic traveling animals each and every year, as has our Fair Board. I have also in the past, reached out to the Shriners who have a personal vested interest in continuing circus events that support their great work. The biggest problem in the bill, is that the language in the bill is vague. Like this statement in the Bill: "Traveling animal act" means a performance of an animal to which the animal is transported to perform "...this is 4-H in a nutshell!!

Animal health, safety, and welfare are already protected in Oregon at so very many levels. If there are events when animals have been abused, then, for Pete's sake address it there and then!

Apparently this bill is getting a hearing tomorrow... Please DO NOT SUPPORT THIS BILL!!

Sincerely,

Colleen