

# *Serengeti Ranch Company*

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RE: HB 3214

Dear: Committee members

My name is Hayden Rosenaur, and I am a tax paying resident/business owner in Jackson County. Our family owns and operates a nearly 700 acre animal ranch that houses and cares for many species of domestic and exotic animals for the film, entertainment, and educational industry. I have been training and caring for animals my entire life as well as professionally for the past 40 years. This Industry requires the movement of animals in and out of the state, for the purpose of movie, and commercial production, as well as the occasional fair display, nativity scene, educational display or appearances and sometimes parades, and fund raising activities which our Federal U.S.D.A. exhibitor permit allows for. We have remained in good standing with USDA for many decades and have always followed the federal, state, and local laws and regulations while operating this business. We are constantly bombarded nearly every year by this type of attack on our rights to live, and operate our animal ranch in the state of Oregon.

I was told that Oregon had specific, protective laws on the farming, and raising of animals and other forms of agriculture, which is why we chose to move to Oregon. Yet here we are again fighting for our rights, and ability to continue with our livelihood to feed our family, both two legged and four legged. When will Oregon's bureaucrats stop allowing Animal Rights groups the opportunity to destroy the lives of many tax paying, American families in order to try and appease a much smaller group of individuals, that will never be content no matter what laws are passed. HB 3214 basically ties our hands and feet by prohibiting us from continuing to operate a legally licensed business that has allowed us to care for and operate our facility for many years. We already have had to endure an extremely high overhead, especially when considering run away hyper-inflation targeting feed and other items that our animals require, not to mention the financial burden of the recent Covid debacle.

I, and many of my colleagues had registered to testify on 03/16/2023 and sat in on the meeting for about an hour and a half and the committee ran out of time. This was very disappointing as this bill affects our way of life and the ability to feed our families and care for our animals. We had to just sit and listen to boiler plate "Animal Rights" talking points that were very deceptive, and we could not defend ourselves in any way. It was very difficult as most of us have many animals to care for and this type of stuff keeps us from working and therefore costs us time and money. Much of what was presented by Representative Hudson was poorly prepared, and it was obvious that he had not done his homework. The bill is extremely vague, and lacks facts and realistic solutions. Much of his testimony had a great deal of misinformation and disinformation while also exposing many hypocracies related to the selective outrage of the supposed suffering of certain species of animals, while completely ignoring other species.

Camels and Llamas are camelids. They are the same family. They both can be unpredictable, and both can carry Brucellosis, and both are handled in the exact same manner. To be technical, most animals can have Brucellosis, yet there is no concern of the tens of thousands of dogs that are imported into the United States, and most are carriers of the disease. Again, no outrage there. But Rep. Hudson and his daughter love “Caesar”, the no drama llama! Hudson described a story of a camel in Pennsylvania in 2018 that injured six children during a ride. Truly an unfortunate circumstance, however Hudson displays a photo of his child riding a horse. Reese loves horses! There is an average of over seven hundred horse riding related deaths in the U.S. every year. Again more selective outrage and Animal Rights talking points. Now when comparing the amount of horse riding individuals who partake in the experience, that 700 plus number is astonishingly low. We certainly aren’t going to ban horse riding activities in Oregon over that number.

When we compare the amount of people who choose to get on a camel each and every day in the U.S., and I am sure its in the hundreds of thousands per year. While trying to do the math, it seems that the injuries and death from camels is most likely a number so low, it may be incalculable. By the way, Reindeer can carry Brucellosis, and be unpredictable, not to mention the plethora of sharp stabby stuff hanging off of their heads, yet Rep. Hudson chose to exclude reindeer from this bill. I guess Reese loves reindeer as much as Caesar the llama. When asked, Rep. Hudson assured the committee that the small, cute furry animals would not be included in this bill. So it appears that because Rep. Hudson and Reese love small, cute, furry animals, than they will be free to be kept in small confined cages for entertainment. I am not trying to be mean spirited in where I am going with my testimony. I am glad that Rep. Hudson and his child adore and enjoy these animals. It is that joy that makes me continue to work with animals as I share that same joy. It is the hypocrisy that I am simply trying to point out here.

This bill needs to go into the trash. It is redundant to the many bills that already exist on the books and already lack the funding for enforcement. By the way, how, and who will enforce HB3214, and who will be responsible to safely seize, and re-home said animals? Some working stiff traveling through Oregon to do an educational program and is completely unaware that he/she are breaking the law, and now faces jail time and losing their beloved animals. The federal government already enforces animal cruelty and we already have anti-cruelty bills in Oregon. This bill only puts another nail in the coffin for animal lovers as well as farmers, and ranchers. When will we stop allowing a select group of individuals, demand control the rest of us? Enough with the bureaucratic overreach.

The passing of this Bill would basically turn us into criminals for simply continuing what we have legally done for so many years before. This would allow us to be jailed, fined, and our beloved furry family members to be seized and sent away to a less or unqualified facility, which most likely will be under prepared to care for such species of animals. Many animals perish from the undue stress of being moved to an unfamiliar place and separated from their familiar care givers and companions. History has shown us how most animals injure themselves and languish from the stress of being removed and placed elsewhere. My Veterinarian wife, and I have spent over ten years and millions of dollars to build our Oregon facilities and programs, in order to safely house and care for the many species of animals that we keep. This includes specialized heated buildings with specialized chutes, fencing, water systems, feeding systems, and so much more. It’s not something someone can just throw together. I have personally cared for some of my individual animals for over 30 plus years. That is a lot of time for an animal to become attached to a keeper, and it would be very traumatic for an animal to have that bond destroyed.

If HB 3214 were to become law and we were to follow it then we will surely go bankrupt. Either way, we will have our careers and livelihoods, livestock and family destroyed overnight. We have always prided ourselves on doing everything legally and legitimately when operating our business, but it seems like our small animal community in this state is being singled out by a select group once again. The growing Film Industry in this state will also suffer greatly from this bill. We are finding our clients are choosing to film in other states more and more due to the ever-growing regulations and overreach within the state of Oregon. It seems like we are constantly having to defend ourselves against these attacks from similar bills that keep being proposed. I would also like to point out that we are never notified about these bills which target and

affect us in every way. Why do we consistently have to find out about these bills just days before and spring into action without any time to research and plan our defense? How is this even legal or Constitutional? Our future once again lies in your hands I implore you to really consider the damage this bill would create and strongly ask you to oppose HB3214.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hayden S. Rosenaur', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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