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Measure: HB3213

I am proud to stand in support of HB 3213, a crucial legislation to end the sale of cosmetics produced with cruel and unnecessary animal testing in Oregon. It's heartbreaking to think of the countless rabbits, mice, rats, and guinea pigs that are subjected to inhumane testing procedures for the sake of our beauty products.

This legislation is not only a victory for animal welfare, but also for ethical consumerism. Consumers have the right to know that the products they are purchasing are cruelty-free and HB 3213 would provide that assurance. Alternatives to animal testing already exist and advanced scientific technologies are often cheaper, faster, and more reliable predictors of safety than archaic animal tests.

It's inspiring to see that more than 30 countries and 10 states, including California and Nevada, have already banned the sale of newly tested animal cosmetics. Cosmetic companies have been leading the way in creating better test methods that more accurately predict human responses to cosmetics and their components. These methods are based on human biology and therefore are not subject to the severe limitations of animal testing.

Cosmetics companies do not need to test their products on animals because there are already thousands of ingredients with a history of safe use. And if a company wants to use a new ingredient, they can use alternative test methods that are often less expensive and more relevant to humans than animal tests. I urge you to support and pass HB 3213.