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Measure: HB3213

My name is Chelsea Davis and I am an Oregon resident, small business owner, and co-founder of Animal Rights Collective Portland (ARCPDX). Thank you for this opportunity to express my support for HB 3213 which would prohibit the sale of cosmetics tested on animals in Oregon. Animal testing is cruel and unnecessary. Animals typically used in testing for cosmetic ingredients and products are not covered by the animal welfare act and the pain they are forced to endure is horrific. Animal testing is also outdated and ineffective.

Successful alternatives to animal testing already exist as proven by the countless cosmetic companies (including very cost-effective companies like Elf, Wet & Wild, and Cover Girl) that refuse to test on animals. Safe and humane cosmetics can be made by using thousands of existing ingredients, and several non-animal methods to test new ingredients. These advanced scientific technologies are often less expensive, help to expedite the process, and are more relevant to human safety.

Again this will only apply to NEW cosmetics. Having access to clean, cruelty-free, and safe products is important to Oregon residents. I encourage you to vote in support of HB 3213 and join the 10 other states (and recently passed the first committee in Washington) and nearly 30 countries that have already voted to end unnecessary suffering by banning the sale of animal-tested cosmetics. Thank you for your time.