

Dear House Committee on Judiciary,

On behalf of the Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon Company, we oppose House Bill 3214 relating to traveling animal acts, and would ask you to vote NO on this bill as written. The bill needs to include an exemption for rodeos, fairs and livestock shows. As well as include a specific definition of domestic animal.

As written today this bill could be interpreted in many ways and Rodeos and Fairs could be included without much imagination. If that were to happen this bill would eliminate tourism driving economic dollars from ever reaching Oregon. The Pendleton Round-Up has driven an estimated \$65 million dollars of economic impact to Eastern Oregon. Each year, thousands of people eat in restaurants, stay in hotels, buy goods and services, and pay Oregon gas and lodging taxes when they visit Pendleton from all over the world. This bill as written has the potential to stop the sport of rodeo in our state which would severely impact not only Pendleton but the entire state. These events are generally among the largest events Oregon towns hold each year.

In addition to local rodeos, most, if not all, counties in Oregon host County Fairs. These Fairs help support our agriculture community and the youth in those communities, as well as drive economic dollars to our state.

We urge you to vote NO on HB3214. It is damaging to the State of Oregon and the towns we all enjoy to live in, play in and work in.

Thank you,

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