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I OPPOSE HB 3214

This bill is a rerun from years past. The vague language will likely ban FFA/4H livestock shows, rodeos, and other common and enjoyable livestock activities. Animals love performing for owners and it make them more valuable, which means they are treated very well.

Oregon already has extensive animal cruelty and welfare laws including ORS Chapter 167, titled Offenses Against General Welfare and Animals. Enforce those current laws! It seems HB3214 lacks research.

There is no public safety concern and if animal cruelty is happening, then current laws can be enforced.

The bill uses undefined terms that leave law interpretation open to enforcement officers to cite good citizens providing important conservation and education outreach. No new law is needed to protect animals as Oregon can already prosecute animal abusers.