

Submitter: Gerold Wayne  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary  
Measure: HB3214

I oppose HB3214 as introduced and also any amended version. In my previous testimony, I provided reasons as to why any version of this bill should be stopped, including that current animal cruelty laws (ORS Chapter 167, titled Offenses Against General Welfare and Animals) can be applied and this law is a redundancy. This bill is nothing more than a legislator looking to get a bill with his name on it passed.

Having heard the misinformation provided at the first hearing, this bill should have been tossed in the garbage at that point. The Committee was told there were exceptions that do not exist (such as one for 4-H). The Committee was told this bill only included large and wild animals. That is absurd since many of the listed animals weigh only a few ounces and are bred under human care, making them neither large nor wild.

Just stop this nonsense now rather than wasting any more of your time and our precious tax dollars on this superfluous bill. This is not a bill to protect animals. It is a bill to advance a radical animal rights agenda by spouting lies and misinforming sad stories in an attempt to trigger emotional voting from legislators rather than voting on sound judgment of the facts (which were not presented by those supporting this bill at the hearing). Thank you for your valuable time.