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Oregon has extensive animal cruelty laws and this redundant bill is not necessary to protect animals. It is collective punishment that labels every person working with animals as a criminal who abuses animals. Additionally, if an amended version of this bill passes then species can easily be added later through future bills. Legislators in other states are warning those asking for exemptions and smaller species lists to oppose any bill that bans these programs. This ban is based on the premise that all animals are abused and that premise is erroneous and manipulative. I oppose any animal program ban.

Regards,
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