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Testimony of Animal Wellness Action on Senate Bills 103, 104, and 876

Senate Committee on Environmental and Natural Resources

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Dear Chairman Dembrow and Members of the Committee ,

Animal Wellness Action is Animal Wellness Action is a national organization with a mission of helping animals by promoting legal standards forbidding cruelty. We champion causes that alleviate the suffering of companion animals, farm animals, and wildlife.

Animal Wellness Action is in support of Senate Bill 103 which would create a Dairy Animal Welfare Task Force that could assist in reviewing standards of care for the animals at industrial dairies. In our opinion, the quality of life of the animals should be the top priority in an industry where the entire operation runs and profits from using these sentient beings to produce a product. In this modern day, where awareness of what factory farms actually are, the vast majority of society finds the idea distasteful. People want to have their meat and dairy come from animals that have a decent quality of life. Having representation from the animal welfare community be part of this process would help give consumers peace of mind.

The Lost Valley Farm debacle is a shining example of the “Fools Gold” expression. The operation was supposed to be state-of-the-art, going above and beyond the required standards of waste management and other regulations, surpassing smaller dairy farms in Oregon. On paper it appeared it would be the “Gold Standard” of dairies, What the operation actually was couldn’t have been farther from the truth. The terrible realities have been well documented.

It is high time a task force is created in order for the welfare of these dairy cows to be considered along with the other problems. Please support SB 103, or include a dairy animal welfare task force as a provision if SB 104 and 876 move forward instead.

Thank You so much for hearing our testimony,

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Helping animals helps us all.





