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Please support the bill HB 3214. Torturing animals and taking them away from their families and natural habitats is inhumane and unjust. Oregon has the chance to help lead the way and be on the right side of history. California, Colorado, Hawaii, Illinois, New Jersey, and New York have already banned the use of exotic & wild animals.

Taking a deep dive into what happens before these animals end up in captivity and forced into entertainment is terrifying and heartbreaking. Elephants are beat and stabbed with sharp knives, switches, and even handheld pick axes to endure pain and suffering to break them into submission. Most of these animals have to live in tiny crates, and isolated, and mentally unstimulated. We see what happens to humans when we do this and it is no different for animals; the only actual difference is when we lock humans up it is because they have been convicted of a crime.