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My name is Megan Mersino, and I am a resident of Salem, Oregon. I am testifying in support of H.B. 3213, as it would end unnecessary animal suffering by banning the sale of animal-tested cosmetics in Oregon. Cosmetics companies do not need to test their products on animals, as there are already thousands of ingredients with a history of safe use. If a company wants to use a new ingredient in its products, it is able to utilize alternative test methods—which are often less expensive and more applicable to humans than animal tests. Over 1,000 cosmetics brands in North America have committed not to test final products, formulations, or ingredients on animals. Additionally, more than 30 countries and 10 states, including California, Nevada, and New York, have already banned the sale of cosmetics newly tested on animals. It is time Oregon joins them.