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On Behalf Of:
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Honorable Members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

I support HB 3213 for many reasons. First, I consider life to be precious for all beings. Humans have tortured and killed animals for far too long. Animals, even rabbits, mice, guinea pigs, have well-developed nervous systems. They know pain. They know suffering. It is now 2023 and humans can exceed beyond their cruel, ignorant and selfish, greedy practices and make choices that are more effective, and move forward with compassion for animals.

Secondly, I am a consumer of many products for my skin, for my health and body. I always check for the "cruelty free" label on products and purchase only products that carry that labeling. I know there are new and more effective tests for the safety of products, and more are being developed, that make animal testing obsolete. Animal testing is not required for these over-the-counter beauty and body products. Clearly, more compassionate and less costly testing methods are available and these methods should be employed by product developers. HB 3213 would push this issue "front and center" for product development.

Finally, Oregon can join other states and countries and expand the awareness across America and the world that cruelty does not pay. How can we continue with torture and suffering when better options are available?

Thank you.

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