

<u>Testimony of Humane Voters Oregon on House Bill 3213</u> House Committee on Judiciary

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Chair Kropf, Vice Chairs Andersen and Wallan, and Members of the Committee:

Humane Voters Oregon is a nonprofit organization that works in Oregon's political process and elections to promote humane treatment of animals. We are not affiliated with any other state or national organization.

Humane Voters Oregon supports House Bill 3213.

With limited exceptions, HB 3213 would prohibit the sale in Oregon of cosmetics tested on animals. We support this bill because testing cosmetics and their ingredients on animals – dripping them down an animal's throat, or in an animal's eyes, or smearing them on an animal's skin – is cruel to the animals and, in current times, generally unnecessary for ensuring the safety of the products.

While Oregon is only one state in a large international market, Oregon can help further a growing trend away from animal testing for cosmetics. Ten other states and the European Union have passed measures similar to HB 3213 to reduce unnecessary inhumane testing on animals.

For the above reasons, we urge your support of HB 3213.

Thank you for considering our comments.

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