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Testimony of Humane Voters Oregon on House Bill 3214
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 3214.

HB 3214 would generally prohibit "traveling animal acts" that transport exotic animals to different locations to perform tricks, provide rides, or otherwise entertain audiences. Traveling animal acts lead to inhumane treatment of the animals because they require significant confinement, often of animals genetically predisposed to live in the wild. They also subject the animals to stress from travel and to potentially cruel training methods.

As a result of these concerns, several local governments have banned traveling animal acts, at least to some extent, including Benton, Washington, and Multnomah counties.

For the above reasons, we urge your support for HB 3214.

Thank you for considering our comments.

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