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The traveling nature of the circus presents difficulties for setting standards and law enforcement. That is why our state law is necessary. Monitor Lizards, Tortoises, Bears, Elephants, Sloths, Kangaroos and Civets all deserve protection. These animals are covered by the proposed Federal Circus bill and need to be covered by law within Oregon boundaries until the Federal legislation is passed, to prevent them from even coming here.

(a) it is not possible for traveling circuses to provide their animals with the facilities they need to maintain optimum physical and psychological health;

(b) adequate welfare standards cannot be devised and enforced in mobile and temporary facilities;

(c) it is not feasible to devise an affordable inspection system, which could protect animals from abuse when traveling; any abuse takes place behind the scenes, away from public view, presenting difficulties with evidence and enforcement.