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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary  
Measure: HB3214

I urge you to vote NO to House Bill 3214. This bill is vague and poorly written. Oregon already has extensive animal cruelty and welfare laws. In addition, this bill would have a huge NEGATIVE economic impact on the entire State.

This bill would eliminate tourism driving economic dollars from reaching Oregon. As you may be aware, the Pendleton Round-Up, has been named the Large Outdoor Rodeo of the Year for the entire nation 9 times. The National recognition has driven an estimated \$65million dollars of economic impact to Eastern Oregon. Each year, thousands of people eat in restaurants, stay in hotels, buy goods and services and pay Oregon gas and lodging taxes when they visit Pendleton from all over the world. This bill would stop the sport of rodeo which would severely impact not only Pendleton but MOST towns in the state. These events are generally among the largest event Oregon towns hold each year. Businesses rely on visitors to keep them their doors open.

In addition to local rodeos, most, if not all, counties in Oregon host a County Fair to celebrate the successes of the year. Most of those fairs contain a livestock show, 4H animals and exhibits and a rodeo. The counties themselves rely on animals for educational purposes, entertainment and income. I am sure I don't need remind you that the State of Oregon hosts their own event, each year in August. This law would eliminate each of those events and their economic impacts to the State. Not to mention, it would make criminals out of everyone involved.

I urge you to vote NO on HB3214. It is damaging to the State of Oregon and the towns we all enjoy so very much.

Sincerely,  
Tiah DeGrofft