



**Oregon Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs**

**Advocating for Equity and Diversity throughout Oregon**

Chair Kropf, Vice Chairs Andersen and Wallen, and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

For the record, I am Jackie Leung, Executive Director of the Micronesian Islander Community and co-chair with the Oregon Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs. I am writing to you in opposition of HB 3214, which prohibits persons from using specified types of animals in traveling animal acts.

HB 3214 is too overbroad, including the 'traveling animal act, which includes banning educational outreach programs animal keepers provide. For example, reptile showcases often take place as an educational outreach event in local libraries during children's hour activities or at summer programs. HB 3214 would make it unlawful for this type of work to take place.

Furthermore, HB 3214's vague wording would make it unlawful for small animal storekeepers to sell reptiles such as lizards, geckos, turtles, and the like, and for individuals to buy the animal and transport it home. Both storekeepers and individual buyers are punished - storekeepers for running a responsible and respectable business and individual buyers for purchasing and trying to bring a new pet home.

Significant animal welfare laws are already in place in the state. HB 3214 will not add additional protections and, instead, will result in the loss of educational programs for schools and the general public and a loss for local businesses.

We urge you to oppose the passage of HB 3214.

Sincerely,

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