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I oppose HB3214 because there have been laws on the books for years protecting all animals, but the laws have not been followed and a law like this starts small and grows out of control in the end. Why pass law on top of law when the legislature lowers the budget for the people that are there to oversee such laws, such as the Department of Agriculture etc. You tie their hands with the lack of personnel and funds to actually oversee anything. If you want to stop cruelty in circuses, don't allow those animals to even be brought into this country for fear of heavy fines and maybe jail time. Unfortunately, with a bill like this, it will eventually effect all other events with animals, because in reality this is what this law is really about. People with good intentions, that have no clue, thinking they have the answer. Facebook is flooded with people with good intentions, that have no idea what it is to actually raise and care for animals. Keeping them safe is not raising them in your house or your backyard. If they want to help, maybe volunteering to help in animal shelters or donating to organizations trying to protect wild animals, would be money and time well spent. We all watch people feeding or harassing wild animals at parks and zoos, then getting attacked. Do we pass a law or does it just get handled responsibly at the time. No on HB3214