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House Bill 3214
House Committee on Judiciary
Chair Kropf, Vice-Chair Andersen, and Vice-Chair Wallan
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Oregon Farm Bureau is the state's largest agricultural trade association representing more than 6,000 members. Our mission is to promote and protect the agricultural industry and the rural way of life in Oregon. To be clear, we do not support any measure of animal cruelty or abuse.

House Bill 3214 bans the use of a long list of animals from performing in "traveling animal acts." Oregon Farm Bureau's farmers and ranchers proudly advocate for the proper care and well-being of their animals as they are, in many cases, critical to their livelihood.

Not only is the bill unnecessary given our existing state and federal animal cruelty laws, but there are immense unintended consequences attached and the language is unclear as to which animals are impacted.

While we hear that the focus is intended to be on circus animals, the language goes beyond that and impacts Oregon's agricultural community and rural way of life. Given this lack of clarity, OFB stands opposed to the current draft of HB 3214.

Section 1 (b) on line 12, reads that an animal must not be kept away from the "animals permanent facility for more than 12 hours in a 24-hour period." This is simply not realistic considering 4-H and FFA events, fairs, exhibitions, and rodeos.

Oregon Farm Bureau urges this committee not to take action on HB 3214

If you have any additional questions or would like to further discuss this concept, please let us know.

Thank you.

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