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I am writing in opposition to HB3214 as it is currently written. While listening to testimony, several individuals in support stated Oregon should do this because other states already have similar laws. That is a poor reason to pass an ambiguous bill! Oregon is not California and hopefully one day we will quit attempting to write and pass laws which have already been implemented and proved to be unsuccessful in other states! Many supporters also spoke about the reason for the bill is for exotic animals and/or circus acts and the poor conditions of the animals. If this bill is truly only meant to target those situations, then it should be written more specific. This poorly written bill is vague and leaves much to interpretation. If rodeos, 4-H, and racing are not to be included in the bill, then make an amendment to it and specifically exclude those activities! The current language of the bill has the potential to have a real negative impact on our county fairs and rodeos. These events bring a lot of revenue to our communities and to eliminate them and the jobs they create is irresponsible.

Please do not pass HB3214 without an amendment excluding rodeos, county fairs, ropings, 4-H, etc.