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Testimony of Humane Voters Oregon on House Bill 3213
Senate Committee on Labor and Business

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Chair Taylor, Vice Chair Bonham, and Members of the Committee:

Humane Voters Oregon is a nonprofit organization that works in Oregon's political process and elections to promote humane treatment of animals. We are not affiliated with any other state or national organization.

Humane Voters Oregon supports House Bill 3213 as amended.

With limited exceptions, HB 3213 would prohibit the sale in Oregon of cosmetics tested on animals after the bill's effective date. Humane Voters Oregon supports HB 3213 because testing cosmetics and their ingredients on animals – dripping them down an animal's throat, or in an animal's eyes, or smearing them on an animal's skin – is cruel to the animals.

Testing on animals also is generally unnecessary given the availability today of non-animal alternatives for ensuring product safety. Animal testing may even be unreliable given differences in how animals and people react to different chemicals.

HB 3213 includes exceptions for when testing on animals is truly necessary or required by another government.

Given alternatives to animal testing and exceptions in the bill, HB 3213 would not harm business, consumer safety or the availability of cosmetic products.

While Oregon is only one state in a large international market, it can help further a growing trend away from animal testing for cosmetics. Ten other states and the European Union have passed similar measures to reduce unnecessary animal suffering.

For the above reasons, we urge your support of HB 3213.

Thank you for considering our comments.

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