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Measure: HB3213

Please support HB 3213, the legislation to end the sale in Oregon of cosmetics produced with cruel and unnecessary animal testing.

Consumers want to know that they are making ethical choices when purchasing cosmetics and H.B. 3213 would give them the assurance that the products they purchase in Oregon are cruelty-free.

Alternatives to animal testing already exist: humane, safe cosmetics can be made using thousands of existing ingredients, and several non-animal methods are already available to test new ingredients. These advanced scientific technologies are often cheaper, faster, and more relevant to humans, and therefore more reliable predictors of safety than archaic animal tests. More than 30 countries and 10 states, including California and Nevada, have already banned the sale of cosmetics newly tested on animals. Companies do not need to test their products because there are already thousands of ingredients with a history of safe use. If a company wants to use a new ingredient in their products, they can use alternative test methods that are often less expensive and more relevant to humans than animal tests.