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On Behalf Of:	
Committee:	Senate Committee On Labor and Business
Measure:	HB3213

Hello Senators,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide input on HB 3213. I have been a veterinarian for 39 years. There is absolutely no medical reason to test cosmetics on animals. It is cruel, costly, unreliable and unnecessary. Proven alternatives already exist that are more humane, less costly and provide information that is more reliable. Over 30 countries and 10 states, including our neighbors California and Nevada, have banned the sale of cosmetics tested on animals. When you ban the sale of those cosmetics, you support the sale of cruelty free products and encourage companies to stop animal testing and use humane alternatives. It is time for Oregon to do this and help lead the way for other states to follow. Thank you for your consideration of my comments. Please support this bill. Thank you also for your service to our citizens.

Sincerely,

Tonya Higgins, DVM