

The Honorable Senator Kathleen Taylor
Chair, Senate Committee on Labor and Business
The Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Labor and Business

Oregon State Legislature 900 Court St. NE Salem, Oregon 97301

April 25, 2023

RE: Please support HB 3213

Dear Chair Taylor and the members of the Senate Committee on Labor and Business:

I am writing on behalf of Sappo Hill Soapworks, a small business that produces organic, plant-based castile soaps in Ashland, Oregon. As a company that has been making cruelty-free soaps for over 50 years, we would like to express our support of HB 3213, which would prohibit a manufacturer from manufacturing, selling, offering to sell or distributing cosmetics or ingredients developed through using an animal test.

Manufacturers of cosmetics and other personal care products have the ability to produce their products using ingredients that have already been proven to be safe. In addition, for new ingredients, there are many non-animal methods available, which are more relevant to humans, faster and cheaper, that can be used for safety evaluations.

Oregon can be a leader in creating a cruelty-free cosmetics market. We urge your support for HB 3213.

Thank you for your consideration of this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

John Miller Sappo Hill Soapworks Ashland, OR