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House Bill 2557, introduced by Representative Zach Hudson, seeks to prohibit the raising of octopuses for human consumption.

Octopuses are remarkable creatures, possessing intelligence that rivals that of dogs. Confining such sentient beings in industrial farming environments not only disregards their cognitive complexities but also subjects them to immense stress and suffering. Additionally, intensive octopus farming poses environmental risks, such as increased waste and potential impacts on marine ecosystems.

Myself and many others hope to see Oregon poised to become the third state in the U.S. to prohibit octopus farming, following the lead of Washington and California.