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On Behalf Of: Animal Rights Collective Portland  
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural  
Resources, and Water  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2557

Chair and Committee Members,

I want to express my strong support for HB 2557, which seeks to ban octopus farming in Oregon. Octopuses are highly intelligent, sentient creatures with complex behaviors and unique social needs. The practice of farming them for human consumption raises serious ethical, environmental, and welfare concerns.

Research has shown that octopuses experience stress, pain, and suffering in captivity, and the intensive farming conditions put these animals at immense risk of harm. The environmental implications of farming octopuses, including pollution and unsustainable resource consumption, are also alarming. Oregon has the opportunity to set a precedent in protecting both animal welfare and our ecosystems by passing this bill.

Banning octopus farming is a necessary step toward a more compassionate and sustainable future. I urge you to support HB 2557 and protect these remarkable creatures from unnecessary exploitation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Chelsea Davis  
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