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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 stand in strong support of HB 2557, which would prohibit the farming of octopuses in Oregon. Octopuses are incredibly intelligent, curious, and complex animals that are known to exhibit problem-solving skills, distinct personalities, and emotional responses. The conditions of industrial farming are fundamentally incompatible with the well-being of these creatures, and their confinement to small, barren tanks causes immense suffering.

The practice of farming octopuses not only raises ethical concerns but also presents significant environmental risks, from pollution to unsustainable use of marine resources. It is essential that we, as a state, act to prevent the commodification of such highly sentient species and preserve our commitment to both animal welfare and sustainability.

Oregon has the opportunity to lead by example, ensuring that our policies align with our values of compassion, sustainability, and respect for all living beings. I urge you to support HB 2557 and take a stand for octopus protection.

Thank you for your attention and your commitment to this important cause.

Sincerely,
Jake Vaage
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