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

On behalf of Northwest Animal Rights Network (NARN), a regional Pacific Northwest organization, and our supporters in Oregon, please move HB 2557 out of committee and join the growing movement of states across the United States acting to protect octopuses from cruel exploitation. Octopuses are complex individuals who cannot have their natural needs met under the intense confinement that comes with profitable farming practices. Furthermore, the negative environmental impacts of octopus farming cannot be overstated. Octopuses on farms require large amounts of fish as food, pressuring already strained and overfished fish populations. Pollution from intensive farming will devastate marine ecosystems and cause serious habitat destruction to wild populations. Please act now. Thank you.