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I strongly oppose this measure because I have done horse rescue out of my own pocket for over 30 years. I have personally rescued, trained and rehabilitated over 100 horses in my 35 years. I am completely against what this measure is trying to do regarding all animals in the state of Oregon. I live in an area where we have huge cattle ranches that have gone through generations over the years. This law would be the detriment of many families in the state of Oregon. it makes me very angry that those of us that have literally put our blood sweat and tears to take care of these animals. Small to large ends up being dictated by people that thing they know best, and most of those people live in the city. I too, am a very strong advocate for animals as I've seen the whores of what humans have put them through. I have had more animals than I want to count pass away in my arms either from being neglected, abused, and sometimes even tortured by people that should've never been in possession of them to begin with. so if I was there speaking in person, I want to ask each, and every person that is for this measure and for this bill to be passed into law, why don't you invest your time and money into stopping the people that have had animals removed from their care and convicted of animal, neglect, and abuse and cruelty. Why don't you invest your money and your time in keeping animals out of their hands?!?! there are much better ways to advocate for animals then ruining people's livelihood with your restrictions and your opinions!!! Most of us have seen the whores and heard about the whores of the unimaginable terror that some animals go through in the hands of the wrong people. And it gets posted all over social media and blown up all over the Internet, but where is all the media coverage for the people that volunteer their time and donate their money and put their blood sweat and tears into taking care of these animals and being selective breeders. How many of you have actually spent time at the stock contractors Ranch those animals most of the time are taken care of better than these multimillion dollar show horses, and race horses. How many of you have reached out to any of the cattle ranchers on the east side of the Cascades and ask them or spend time out there during having season in the 10° weather with blowing snow helping a cow give birth to a calf. Look at their feed bills look at their vet bills. some years they don't even make a profit, but they still are out there taking care of those animals and working harder and sacrificing so much of themselves take care for their herd. I've had two amazing stallions in my life. One of them was an Arabian stallion. He was what some of us would call a hard horse. All three of my children learned how to ride on him and for the most part being a horse rescuer for so many years, going to the auctions buying these horses that are so broken down from breeders who start them too young push them too hard by the time they're five they're getting injections in their joints to or by the time they're

seven they're used up. They're damaged beyond being able to be useful anymore, and they tossed them aside. And people like me go to the sales we spend our hard earned money to bring these horses home sometimes to just do the humane thing since they will have no quality of life, to love them and physically hold them in my arms while the veterinarian injects them ONCE AGAIN to end their suffering. I've been that person !! I've been that person, for over 100 animals, from cats to livestock that are too sick, old and/or injured to go on. Someone has to do it and I accept that responsibility! My Native American grandfather named me "Tahushtica" before he died when I was 11 years old, he told me that it means "The Woman Who Walks with the Animals" THAT is who I've always been and I will always be an honest advocate for the animals!!