



Rodeo is at Risk on the West Coast.

It has been brought to our attention by the **Northwest Youth Rodeo Association** that Oregon House Bill 3008 has been referred to the Agriculture and Natural Resources committee.

Bills of this nature are being pushed nationwide. Unlike the New York bill we shared last week, this bill is slightly more veiled in its attempt to ban the western animal events we love.

When reviewing bills of this nature there are 2 very important facts to keep in mind.

1. The vast majority of animal owners care deeply for the welfare of the animals in their care – regardless of species. The ‘divide and conquer’ tactic is very common when animal extremist groups try to get bills of this nature passed. There are also already animal welfare laws in place in Oregon to prevent abuse of all animals including exotics.

2. Once a bill is passed, it takes a simple amendment to include currently exempted species (cattle and horses, among others). So, they should not be considered safe

should this bill pass.

Read the full text of Oregon House Bill 3008:

<https://gov.oregonlive.com/bill/2021/HB3008/>

“(b) “Performance” means a carnival, circus, display, exhibition, exposition, fair, parade, petting zoo, photographic opportunity, race, ride, trade show or similar undertaking during which an animal performs tricks, gives rides or otherwise entertains or amuses an audience, whether or not a fee is charged.”

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