

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Although the intentions of this proposed language are coming from an empathetic place for the care and well being of animals, there is willful ignorance on behalf of the authors to completely understand the sport of Rodeo and it's carefully curated animal handling practices that started with the establishment of the missions of California and have evolved to today's high standards of animal welfare to promote the health and longevity of its animal performers. The tools used in this sport are used with discreetness and precision, in order to inflict the least amount of discomfort or harm, and if the use of tools is disturbing to the extent that the intention is to ban rodeos and their associated tools of the trade so to speak, then in essence, they are banning a portion of California culture and history. In addition, there are unintended consequences that may denigrate commonly accepted animal handling practices that will encompass not only livestock used in rodeo, but could also go so far as to influence public opinion on the training of companion animals and their public exhibitions such as a purebred dog show. Please carefully consider these thoughts before coming to a conclusion.