

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: As a girl who grew up in rodeo and has continued to support the sport this is an important way of life. Livestock are well taken care of and treated well. As a beginning breeder of bucking bulls I know the work and love I put into my livestock. My animals have the best of feed and care. Because city people do not understand our life style they do not understand the care. We need to educate not remove rodeo and livestock events. With more education people can see how much we care about our animals. We raise and handle thousands of animals and my biggest thing is to educate people about what we do. Animal care, feed production and handling can be taught to people. Let's set up educational centers at these events. Provide support

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Name: Grace

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Comments for Public Posting: The rodeo and all of its events are incredibly important to the western culture. Generations of cowboys, farmers, and ranchers flock to these events to celebrate centuries old tradition. It gives Hispanic, native, and white peoples a banner to unite under. It brings in jobs, tourists, and overall boosts the economy. And furthermore, I think the excuse of protecting animal rights does not have many legs to stand on. I would question if the committee proposing this bill has ever worked with livestock in a ranching or rodeo capacity. Anyone who ever spent time around a rodeo would not put electric prods and bucking straps in the same category. Tasers and electric prods are harsh, unnecessary, and something that should be banned. A bucking strap is something that goes right behind the animal's hind legs, and is taken off the animal as soon as the rider is off. I have been going to rodeos as long as I have been alive, and in about twenty years I have never seen an animal be hurt by a bucking strap. I have seen many animals get out of the chute, buck, and then stop moving as soon as the rider is off, despite the bucking strap still being on. Those animals know their jobs, and the love doing it. I also think people that have not worked with livestock underestimate how tough these animals are. These are 1000-2000 pound animals that I have seen bounce up from rough looking accidents numerous times. These animals are the basis and foundation of the rodeo lifestyle, it's in their best interest to treat them well, and they know what they're doing when it comes to these animals. The spirit of this ordinance has merit. But to put things like electric prods and things like bucking straps in the same category labeled as "torturous" shows is quite frankly ridiculous and shows a lack of knowledge.