

February 28, 2023

House Rules Committee  
339C Legislative Building  
PO Box 40600  
Olympia, WA  
98504-0600

**RE: 118 NGOs Request Bill HB 1153 Pulled to Vote - Prohibiting octopus farming**

Dear House Rules Committee,

The Aquatic Life Institute is a leading international not-for-profit organization, dedicated to improving the lives of aquatic animals exploited in the global food system. For the past 3 years, we have been supporting global and country-level governments (including the FAO, UK and Canada) as they introduced welfare considerations for farmed and wild aquatic animals. We now strongly urge the House Rules Committee to pull Bill HB 1153 to a vote.

We lead the Aquatic Animal Alliance, a coalition of [118 organizations](#) and over 80 individuals all over the world and are sharing our [concerns](#) about the welfare of octopuses in any proposed farming facility.

As widely documented, octopuses are highly intelligent and complex animals that suffer greatly in captivity due to their solitary and inquisitive nature. Furthermore, there are no approved humane slaughter methods for these animals, and their carnivorous diet makes farming them unsustainable and damaging to the environment. Moreover, several [scientists have recently raised significant concerns](#) about the practice of octopus farming, all of which are related to the fact that these animals, like many others, are not suited to large-scale farming practices, especially their insurability to be kept in extreme confinement. For additional information, please refer to our [campaign](#) page.

By pulling Bill HB 1153 to vote, you have a unique opportunity to send a powerful message to the people of Washington State, as well as internationally, that animal welfare and environmental protection are a priority for your district, and that you are leading the charge on this very timely and critical issue.

Please contact us at any time to schedule a meeting to discuss this matter further. We would be honored to support your efforts.

Sincerely,

**Organizations**

Action for Protection of Animals Africa  
Action For Dolphins  
AEL Advocacy  
Africa Network for Animal Welfare USA

African Marine Mammal Conservation Organization  
Alexandria Turtle And Wildlife Rescue  
Alianima  
Anima International  
Anima Naturalis  
ANIMAL  
Animal Advocacy Africa  
Animal Advocates International  
Animal Aid  
Animal Empathy Philipines  
Animal Equality  
Animal Friends Croatia  
Animal Justice Canada  
Animal Interfaith Alliance  
Animal Kingdom Foundation  
Animal Law Italia  
Animal Nepal  
Animal Rights Center Japan  
Animal Society e.V.  
Animals Aotearoa  
Animals Don't Speak Human  
Animal Welfare Advocates Association the Gambia  
Animal Welfare Concern  
Animals Australia  
Animals Now  
Apon Welfare  
Aquatic Life Institute  
ARAF-PLATEAU DOGON  
ARBA  
Arusha Society for the Protection of Animals  
Aware  
Better Food Foundation  
BC SPCA  
Catholic Concern for Animals  
Coalition of African Animal Welfare Organisations  
Compassion in World Farming  
Conservative Animal Welfare Foundation  
Crustacean compassion  
The Dark Hobby  
Dharma Voices for Animals  
Dieren Bescherming  
Djurens Rätt  
Dyrenes Alliance  
Education for African Animals Welfare  
Environment & Animal Society of Taiwan  
Essere Animali  
Estonian Union for the Protection of Animals (MTÜ Eestimaa Loomakaitse Liit)  
Ethical Farming Ireland  
FAADA

Factory Farming Awareness Coalition  
Feedback Global  
Fish Welfare Initiative  
F.R.E.E  
Fórum Animal  
Friends of Phillip  
Ghana Animal Welfare Society  
Green REV Institute  
Humane Africa Trust  
The Humane Global Network  
The Humane League  
Humánný pokrok  
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Institute of Animal Law Asia  
Invisible Animals (Nevidimi Zhivotni)  
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Kitwe Animal Welfare Society  
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Lady Freethinker  
Lilongwe Society for Protection and Care of Animals  
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OIPA - International Organization for Animal Protection  
ONG Sante Animale Afrique (SAA)  
Our Honor  
PACMA  
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Planet For All  
Plant-based treaty  
Protección Animal Ecuador (PAE)  
Proveg  
Proyecto ALA  
PAZ  
RENCTAS  
Rwanda Animal Welfare Organization (RAWO)  
SAFCEI  
SAFE  
Samayu  
Sea First  
Sentient Media  
Shellfish Network  
Shrimp Welfare Project  
Sibanye Animal Welfare and Conservancy Trust  
Sinergia Animal  
Sống Thuần Chay  
SPCA Montreal

SPCA New Zealand  
SPCA Selangor  
Tanzania Animals Protection Organization  
Tanzania Animal Welfare Society (TAWESO)  
Tikobane Trust  
Tourists Against Trophy Hunting  
University of Guilan  
Utunzi Animal Welfare Organization  
Vegetarianos Hoy  
Vissenbescherming  
Voices for Animals  
Voters for animals rights  
We Animals  
Welfare Footprint Project (Center for Welfare Metrics)  
Welfarm  
West Africa Centre for the Protection of Animal Welfare (WACPAW)  
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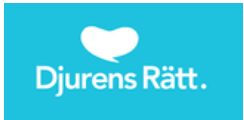
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