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The ONPRC has been accredited by an external peer group (AAALACi) for over 40 years. We are required to voluntarily report errors to outside bodies, including AAALAC and OLAW and we do. The animals in this facility are cared for by staff who sees each as a very important individual. The majority of our animals are socially housed, and a great number of those are housed either entirely outside or are in indoor/outdoor spaces.

This bill isn't about Oregon tax dollars being misspent. This bill is an attempt to have Animal Right's activists close down a federally funded facility. They say that we have more issues than any of the other primate centers. Without context, those numbers can't tell the entire story. Within context, those numbers make up a very small sample size. Context matters. Our animals matter. Our research matters. But having a Bill impose duplicate regulations on a federally-funded institution is an overreaching act.