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On Behalf
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Measure: HB2904

I oppose Oregon HB 2904. There is only one research facility in Oregon that currently performs research, testing, or studies involving nonhuman primates. This bill targets the Oregon National Primate Research Center. It is needless and adds redundant costly regulation. The Oregon Primate Center is a federally funded facility and oversight is provided by USDA inspections which are conducted twice a year at unannounced times. Additionally, all research at the facility is reviewed and approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. The records from the USDA and the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee are subject to the Freedom of Information Act and therefore are available for review by the public.

There is no purpose for this bill since the information requested can be obtained through other channels open to any citizen. This bill would waste time on costly and redundant regulation. Why is the Oregon Legislature proposing bills such as this instead of addressing all the very real issues facing the State of Oregon?