

# Oppose HB 2904

Dear House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government and Veterans,

The ONPRC has been accredited by an external peer group (AAALACi) for over 40 years. It is required to voluntarily report errors to outside bodies, including AAALAC and (NIH) Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) and does. The animals in this facility are cared for by staff who sees each as a very important individual.

-Much of what is requested in this bill is already available – and *not* a good use of Oregon taxpayer dollars. -

(1) A research facility or other institution that performs research, testing or studies involving nonhuman primates shall annually submit a report to the State Veterinarian that includes the following information for the previous year:

(a) The number of primates, listed by species:

(A) Used in research, testing or studies at the research facility or other institution.

The number and species of non-human primates used at the research facility is reported annually to the USDA as part of the requirements for the federal registration through USDA/Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)/Animal Care (AC).

(B) Used for breeding programs associated with the research facility or other institution.

Answered above.

(C) Born at the research facility or other institution.

Answered above.

(D) Purchased by the research facility or other institution.

The USDA does not specifically request in the annual report the number of animals purchased *however* there are requirements to track the individual animals purchased.

(E) Sold by the research facility or other institution.

The requirements are very rigorous similar to the record-keeping requirements for all individual NHPs at the facility.

(F) That died or were killed as part of research, testing or a study at the research facility or other institution.

Records of the fate of individual animals are maintained and available at any time to the USDA inspectors.

(b) A description of all research, testing or studies involving primates that were performed at the research facility or other institution.

It may be helpful to note that all federally funded research awards are listed in the public domain. Abstracts can be obtained from the NIH databases. Many of OHSU grants are NIH funded.

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(c) A description of any incidents not related to research that caused injury or death to primates at the research facility or other institution.

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) is informed of incidences causing injury or death to NHPs at the facility.

Additionally, when serious adverse events occur, the incident is reported to the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) at the NIH. OHSU also voluntarily provides these reports to USDA. **These reports are already available to the public through FOIA processes.**

(d) The amount and source of any public funding that supported research, testing or studies involving primates at the research facility or other institution.

Federal funding information can be obtained by searching the NIH Reporter tool at <https://reporter.nih.gov/>. From that page, one can click on the **Advance Search** to input specific modifiers to pull, like year, institution, NHP or Non Human Primate or Non-Human Primate. This is publicly available information.

(e) Any unredacted reports about the research facility or other institution that were issued by a federal, state or local entity with authority to inspect research institutions.

USDA/APHIS/AC inspects the Oregon National Primate Research Center at least annually but typically 2 to 4 times per year. These inspections are unannounced by the agency and include inspection of the housing and support facilities, all procedural areas, medical and husbandry records, and approved Animal Care and Use Protocols.

**OHSU posts the unredacted reports of these inspections within 2-3 days on a publicly available website so all stakeholders may view first-hand the inspection results.**

As noted much of what is requested in this bill has already been well thought out by dedicated *Federal regulatory* agencies (OLAW & USDA) who have a strong understanding and vested interest of animal welfare and the need for reporting. These reporting mechanisms are well established & reviewed by these Federal agencies as needed.

Any further reporting listed in HB 2904 would be redundant & wasteful of valuable time & tax dollars of Oregonians.

*Thank you for your valued time.*