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Of:

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Chair Grayber, Vice Chair Lewis and Tran, and Members of the Committee:

I oppose this legislation for a multitude of reasons, the foremost is that it is disingenuous from the start. If the purpose of the bill were to gain information about the ONPRC and publish it at the State Veterinarian or the State Department of Agriculture website, then it is entirely pointless, wasting time and resources. The information is already publicly available and on websites from the USDA, NIH, NPRC, OHSU, etc. I found virtually all of it within an hour, at home, on my couch, using Google. I can share the links if the committee would like to compensate me for my labor, it was an incredibly difficult hour of herculean effort.

This bill essentially says it wants 3 things: transparency by getting information, publishing it on a website, and fining ONPRC if they are late. The end. Well you can get more information than you'll know what to do with already. It is published on public websites. And if you just want money, raise taxes or find some other way to get it.

The reason this strikes me as disingenuous should be obvious. If getting the information is not difficult from Google, then what is the point of creating the law? Why bother with writing the legislation? What is the point (especially seeing as the reason for gathering any information is completely unaddressed in the bill)?

It doesn't do, what seems to me to be the real underlying issue, anything about the activity of using animal testing for research in the state of Oregon. That's debatable, a debate that should be had. But not under some false pretense that is going to waste everyone's time and money.