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On Behalf Of: Private

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Measure: HB2904

I oppose HB2904. This bill results in redundant reporting of information that is presently submitted to federal agencies which have federally-mandated oversight of the Oregon National Primate Research Center (ONPRC). This bill will not improve animal welfare and will only divert limited resources for the completion of the required report. The ONPRC is presently inspected and regulated by USDA veterinarians with expertise in husbandry of nonhuman primates (NHPs) and the use of NHPs in biomedical research. The report, required by HB2904, will not be reviewed by any entity that has regulatory oversight of the ONPRC and instead has the potential to be misused and misquoted by animal rights groups whose real agenda is to stop the life saving research carried out at the ONPRC. For these reasons I oppose HB2904.