

HB 2977 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Carrier:** Sen. Bonham**Senate Committee On Rules****Minority Report****Action Date:** 06/25/25**Action:** Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.) Minority**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Report Signers:** Sen. Hayden, Sen. Bonham**Prepared By:** Anna Glueder**Meeting Dates:** 6/24, 6/25**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure appropriates a total of \$10 million from the General Fund to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for distribution to the Oregon Horse Rescue, county animal shelters, and for the purpose of transporting non-human primates from the Oregon National Primate Research Center to Oregon Primate Rescue. It further appropriates \$4 million to the Oregon Department of Agriculture for deposit in the Wolf Management Compensation and Proactive Trust Fund. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on its passage.

Detailed Summary:

- Appropriates the following amounts of General Fund moneys to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services:
 - \$4 million to transfer all nonhuman primates at the Oregon National Primate Research Center to Oregon Primate Rescue or an equivalent non-profit organization that satisfies specified requirements. Requires that all nonhuman primates that are transferred through the expenditure of the funds be transferred by July 1, 2026.
 - \$2 million for distribution as a grant to the Oregon Horse Rescue.
 - \$4 million for grants, scaled proportional to county population, to county animal shelters.
- Appropriates \$4 million to the Oregon Department of Agriculture for deposit in the Wolf Management Compensation and Proactive Trust Fund.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Permanence of the tax allocation
- Nexus between tax source and spending purpose
- History of funding wildlife conservation efforts in Oregon
- Level of transient lodging tax in different cities and jurisdictions
- Potential to use net revenue for purposes relating to wildfire

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon National Primate Research Center, one of seven federally funded National Primate Research Centers in the United States, has been affiliated with Oregon Health & Science University since 1998. The center maintains a colony of approximately 4,200 nonhuman primates for biomedical research. The Oregon Horse Rescue is a nonprofit organization based in Eugene, Oregon, dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating, and providing lifelong sanctuary to at-risk equines. The Wolf Management Compensation and Proactive Trust Fund, established under House Bill 3560 (2011), serves as the funding source for the Wolf Depredation Compensation and Financial

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Assistance Grant Program. Administered by the Oregon Department of Agriculture, the program provides grants to counties to support compensation for livestock losses and proactive efforts to prevent wolf-related conflicts.