

House Bill 3878

Sponsored by Representative GOMBERG

SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act concerns lab research on dogs and cats. The Act says that research facilities may not use public funds for certain types of the lab research. (Flesch Readability Score: 80.3).

Prohibits a research facility from using public funds to directly fund medically unnecessary laboratory research on dogs or cats that is classified under certain pain and distress categories.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to public funding for painful research.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **“Clinical veterinary research” means research on an animal with a naturally occur-**
6 **ing disease or injury that is conducted:**

7 (A) **For the benefit of the animal; and**

8 (B) **With the intention of studying the effect of a procedure, device or treatment proto-**
9 **col.**

10 (b) **“Directly fund” does not mean the issuance of funds for:**

11 (A) **The construction or maintenance of a research facility;**

12 (B) **The purchase or maintenance of general-use equipment;**

13 (C) **Overhead costs;**

14 (D) **Capital improvements; or**

15 (E) **Faculty or employee salaries.**

16 (c) **“Laboratory research” has the meaning given that term in ORS 609.410.**

17 (d) **“Medically unnecessary laboratory research” means laboratory research on an animal**
18 **that is undertaken for a primary purpose other than improving the health, welfare or safety**
19 **of the animal.**

20 (e) **“Research facility” has the meaning given that term in ORS 609.410.**

21 (f) **“Veterinary education” means laboratory research on an animal for the purpose of**
22 **training veterinary professionals under a program accredited by the American Veterinary**
23 **Medical Association.**

24 (2) **A research facility may not use public funds, in whole or in part, to directly fund**
25 **medically unnecessary laboratory research on dogs or cats that is classified under a pain and**
26 **distress category D or E by the United States Department of Agriculture.**

27 (3) **This section does not apply to a procedure performed on a dog or cat for the purpose**
28 **of veterinary education or clinical veterinary research.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.