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On Education

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I'm writing now in support of the continuation of increased state funding for the Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Lab at Oregon State University. The OVDL provides invaluable support for the ongoing surveillance of zoonotic and epizootic diseases within and beyond Oregon. As a cultural historian of such pathogens, I have a clear sense of just how devastating such diseases can be and am profoundly worried about the prevalence of recent zoonotic pathogens (avian flus, SARs viruses, etc.) circulating within and beyond our state. Given their potential effects upon the health and well being of our human and animal populations, I urge the Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Education to continue to support the necessary work of this lab.