

Submitter: Yulia Brockdorf

On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB181

I am a health care provider writing in strong support of Senate Bill 181. I urge you to expand this bill to include ending the use of primates in research at the Oregon National Primate Research Center at OHSU.

Nearly 5,000 monkeys remain confined at the facility. These are highly intelligent, social animals who experience pain, fear, and psychological distress. Many are subjected to invasive experiments and kept in unnatural conditions that compromise their well-being. This is not acceptable in a state that values compassion and scientific integrity.

OHSU's primate center has a long record of animal welfare violations and has lost public trust. Continuing to use primates in research is not only inhumane—it is outdated. Today, we have access to advanced, human-relevant research tools such as AI modeling, organ-on-a-chip technology, and ethically sourced human tissue studies. These methods are more accurate, more humane, and better aligned with modern science.

Oregon has an opportunity to lead. I urge you to support SB 181 and strengthen it by including language that brings primate testing at OHSU to an end.