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Re: SB 181

Dear Oregon Legislature:

Right now, today, there are thousands of experiments done on animals that are not necessary and don't produce valid results. Why? Because animals are not people. There is extensive reporting on why animal experimentation is not only not necessary, it is also failing to produce reliable results. This one source recaps the some of the problems:

<https://www.aerzte-gegen-tierversuche.de/en/basic-infos/animal-experiments/overview/why-animal-experiments-are-not-necessary>

~~ One study conducted by the pharmaceutical company Pfizer came to the conclusion that ?one would be better off tossing a coin than relying on animal experiments to answer the question of carcinogenic substances. Only 5 - 25% of the substances harmful to humans also have adverse effects on the experimental animals. Tossing a coin delivers better results? (1).

~~ The numerous pharmaceutical drugs that were considered safe based on animal experiments, but caused serious or even lethal adverse effects in humans, are proof that the results of animal experiments cannot be transferred to humans with the necessary reliability. Lipobay®, Vioxx®, Trasyolol®, Acomplia® and TGN1412 are just the tip of the iceberg. In Germany alone, side effects and incorrect use of medicines claim 58 000 lives every year (2).

~~ On the other hand, no one knows how many beneficial pharmaceutical drugs are never released because they are prematurely abandoned on the basis of misleading animal experiments. Many drugs that are highly beneficial nowadays, such as aspirin, ibuprofen, insulin, penicillin or phenobarbital, would not be available if one had relied on animal testing in earlier days, because these substances induce grave damage in certain animal species due to differing metabolic processes. They would have failed outright if subjected to the present-day procedures applied in the development of active ingredients.

Ending worthless animal experimentation is the right thing to do on moral grounds.

We also recognize the greed factor, a push for continued funding. Admit it. More experiments on more innocent animals, is just redundant and cruel, but allows you to keep getting paid. Animals are tortured not for enlightenment, but because they can easily be exploited, they can't defend themselves. Then the scientists write papers to validate their own unnecessary horrific experiments on animals to stay on the gravy train of funding. The animals tortured and then disposed, as if their lives don't matter. But their lives do matter. and this needs to end.

SB 181 makes sense. Please do the right thing.