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Oregon will soon decide the fate of more than 5,000 monkeys at the Oregon Health & Sciences (OHSU) primate research center. I urge you to support SB 181 to stop funding unnecessary research and having the NIH fund cruel, useless animal experiments. Federal inspection reports tell us that the suffering of monkeys at OHSU goes beyond the breeding and experimentation programs. The breeding cages have been exposed as far from a zoo like environment. In the experiments, primates have endured extensive injuries and died as a result of employees' incompetence. Researchers have deviated from protocols, exposing monkeys to additional pain and distress. In one incident, a juvenile monkey was able to slip, unnoticed, behind the wall-hung cages, where he became trapped and died. In another, two primates were burned by an electric heating pad that was used during a procedure but not adequately monitored. Two monkeys were found to be unresponsive one morning, and one had to be euthanized after the animals were accidentally given the wrong dose of insulin. A monkey known as Milo (#16604) was used as a so-called "breeding monkey" at OHSU—rotating through female cages or subjected to painful electro-ejaculation. Monkeys who are subjected to this procedure are strapped to a restraint chair, a metal band is wrapped around their penis, and bursts of electric shocks are delivered to their penis until they ejaculate.

Really? This is not necessary, humane, or worthy of tax funded research. Please stop this.

Sincerely,

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