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Please support SB 181, which will prohibit state funding for experiments that cause the most suffering on dogs and cats at university laboratories. Additionally, I encourage expanding the bill to close down the OHSU primate facility in a responsible and humane way for all concerned—benefiting both the animals and the workers involved.

Using animals for experimentation is unreliable and unethical. One example of the unreliability of animal testing is the Thalidomide disaster in the 1950s as that drug passed animal testing but was a disaster with pregnant women. Not sure if you recall, but thalidomide was used for nausea in pregnancy and many babies were born deformed. That is but one example. Those who are dog guardians will or may know that dogs should not receive aspirin because they react differently than humans. My point is using animals for testing is inherently unreliable. Animal testing exists because it's big money for the universities and because of status quo bias. There are alternatives to animal testing, including microdosing in humans and computer modeling. Please support SB 181, which is a step in the right direction. Thanks.