

May 12, 2025

Dear Legislators,

Respectfully, I submit this letter and testimony as an Oregon resident, human being, and believer in the rights of animals. I ask you to 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 the expansion of 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.

I worked for OHSU in family medicine for 14 years, and I have been a patient first of Doernbecker at 6 years of age, and have continued using OHSU my entire adult life; that works out to 60 years. It is unimaginable that OHSU which does its best for humans, innovation, and medicine to continue using animals as guinea pigs (no intentional pun). I refer, support, and advocate for friends and family to use OHSU; so I was surprised to find out that these painful tests/testing were still being used to traumatize, torment, and torture other living beings.

Thank You for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely, Kim Gordon Cumbo