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I write to ask that in this time of sledgehammer-type of funding cuts coming out of the nation's capital, and the need for Oregonians to use every available dollar wisely, you adopt SB 181 which would prohibit state funding for the experiments that cause suffering to dogs and cats at university laboratories, and the nearly 5,000 monkeys at the Oregon National Primate Research Center at OHSU. The Center currently subjects nearly 1,000 monkeys each year to shocking substance abuse and infectious disease experiments—often using pregnant mothers—before they are killed.

It is my understanding that AI will enable us to do this kind of research without the bloodshed of current practices--let's lead the way on this more humane option!

Please also add an amendment to SB 181 that seeks to phase out the center in a way that is responsible and humane to the monkeys, AS WELL AS THE WORKERS.