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I strongly support this measure to prohibit the use of public funds for medically unnecessary research on dogs and cats (especially research that subjects them to significant pain and distress). I would also support adding monkeys and other primates to the list of protected animals.

Dogs and cats (and monkeys) are sentient beings capable of forming bonds, experiencing fear, and feeling suffering. It is deeply unethical to use taxpayer dollars to fund experiments that inflict harm without clear medical benefit, particularly when such procedures fall under distress categories known to cause suffering. This measure is a commonsense step toward aligning our state's practices with public values around animal welfare and compassion.

Oregonians care about how animals are treated, and this legislation reflects that by preventing the misuse of public resources for unnecessary harm. I urge lawmakers to support this act and help move our state toward a more humane and responsible future. Thank you.