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I support Senate Bill 181, and I support expanding it to include ending primate research at OHSU - humanely, hopefully letting these primates live out the rest of their lives in sanctuaries.

OSHU's primate facility described to me that the "non-human primates" they have are minimal..."only" 5000.

Not 5, or even 50, but FIVE THOUSAND! I find that both shocking and heartbreaking.

I have a son who is now 38 yrs old, and he is alive today because of two things:

1) multiple life saving surgeries he's had beginning at a week old at OHSU. Yet, I do not condone or accept using animals in captivity for any experiment that causes them to be confined or restrained, and that causes pain and suffering to them.

2) plant based medicines and foods, which have ancient healing history among numerous traditions, including Indian, Chinese, Egyptian, and Native American, to name a few.

(and there is a 3rd reason, but that is out of my control)

When in danger, or fear, animals fight or flee, yet they can do neither in a research facility.

I have lived with pets my entire life, most of them rescued or homeless. Animals are sentient beings. They love, they grieve loss, and suffer if injured, just as we do. As a mother, I can't imagine having my babies taken away from. always

Animals do not give consent for these experiments, and just because animals have been used for experimentation (always away from the public eye) does not make it right, or right to continue.

We should treat others the way we would want to be treated. The cats and dogs that are used for experiments are no different than the cats and dogs many of us have as pets.

I am asking/beseeching Oregon to pass SB 181, and stop using tax dollars to experiment on any sentient being, including cats, dogs, and primates.