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On Behalf Of:

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I had registered to speak at the hearing for SB 181 but there was not enough time so I was not called. I am a resident of Oregon and a veterinarian and want to voice my support for this bill. Furthermore, I encourage the expansion of this bill to include primates. I have also worked in a non-primate sanctuary and have first hand experience with the depth of intelligence of primates as well as their clear ability to experience physical and emotional pain. At this time, using primates in painful experiments, often resulting in death, is not necessary to advance science. In veterinary school they teach us that a cat is not just a small dog. For instance, one aspirin will kill a cat but not a dog. The point being, extrapolating data from one species to the next is full of folly. There are much better alternatives out there, please choose compassion and expand this bill.