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Chair Tran and members of the Committee. My name is Sheila Dooley and I am from Mosier, Oregon. I'm here in support of SB 181.

I support expanding SB 181 to include ending the use of primates in breeding and research as they deserve the same protection from extreme pain and distress as dogs and cats.

I was a patient at OHSU for many years and no longer go there due to the Primate Research Center.

I am one of many Oregonians who was horrified by the treatment of monkeys at the center. This was brought to light by the cage washing incident in which one monkey died and another euthanized after being scalded by the cage washing machine. There was resulting legislation in 2023.

Violations continued in spite of this legislation, which required OHSU to be transparent.

This center is truly a waste of taxpayer money and the site of extreme animal abuse as evidenced by the 31 animal welfare violations between 2014 and 2022.

For years the primate research center has used and killed hundreds of non-human primates, including mothers and infants. These experiments purported to study human maternal and child health and nutrition outcomes that could have been ethically and effectively studied in humans.

As a taxpayer, I believe this is not only cruel but a waste of money when more human relevant, non animal testing methods are available. Animal experiments don't reliably translate to human health outcomes. As an example thalidomide tested fine on animals and was a disaster for humans.

The NIH recognizes this and now prioritizes human based research methods such as using tissue chip technology rather than animal testing.

Please expand and support SB 181, and protect dogs, cats, and the nearly 5,000 primates housed at the primate center from extreme pain and distress.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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