

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Rules

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Bonamici, Boquist, Dingfelder, Whitsett, Prozanski

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 5/27, 5/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Extends sunset four years on the conditional exemption from disclosure of public records the name, home address or professional location of a person associated with medical research conducted on animals at Oregon Health Sciences University.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Adequacy of current criminal penalties
- Information provided by OHSU on website

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: HB 3094A is intended to protect researchers working at Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) who conduct medical research on animals and face serious threats from extreme animal rights groups. Since 2003, there have been more than 50 separate incidents of home harassment targeted at these researchers. In 2003 the legislature passed the disclosure exemption with a two year sunset. In 2005, the legislature again passed the measure, that time extending the sunset to four years. The proponents bring the bill this year to seek another four year extension of the sunset.