

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Eng. Measure (Printed B-Eng.)

Vote: 4 - 1 - 0

Yeas: Burdick, Ferrioli, Metsger, Devlin

Nays: Atkinson

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Meeting Dates: 6/4

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Extends sunset for two 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 OHSU.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Balancing protection of researchers and transparency in research
- Information subject to public records request
- Role of legislative assembly in decision-making process

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Changes the sunset date to two years.

**BACKGROUND:** House Bill 3094-B is intended to protect researchers working at Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) who conduct medical research on animals face serious threats from extreme animal rights groups. Since 2003, there have been over 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. HB 3094-B extends the sunset two years.