76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on General Government and Consumer Protection

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass **Vote:** 7 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Cameron, Clem, Conger, Sheehan, Smith J., Holvey, Whisnant

Nays: 0

Exc.: Matthews

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Meeting Dates: 4/28, 5/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Continues to exempt from disclosure as public record until January 2, 2016, the names, home addresses, professional addresses, and locations of persons engaged in, or that supply goods or services for, medical research at Oregon Health and Science University involving animals other than rodents.

MEASURE: SB 392

CARRIER: Rep. Matthews

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Sunset provision as opposed to permanent exemption
- Recent harassment incidents
- Treatment of various groups requesting access to public records
- Log of public records requests
- Researchers featured on OHSU website
- Ability to investigate individual's research work
- Names redacted on research documents

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 392 extends the prohibition that was originally enacted in 2003 (House Bill 3093) against disclosure of identifying information. The university discloses information regarding proposed or ongoing research involving animals, but information about individual employees and companies that supply support services is exempt. The university asserts that extremists seek the names of individual researchers in order to frighten them at their homes.