



Oregon Veterinary Medical Association

**House Bill 5023
(Joint Subcommittee on Education)
Support**

Dear Co-chair Komp, Co-chair Monroe, and Committee Members:

The Oregon Veterinary Medical Association, a membership-driven organization with approximately 1,000 members in all regions of the state, supports the proposed operating budget for the Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board. The OVMEB provides an important public service and helps to ensure that minimum standards of care are upheld by licensed veterinarians and licensed technicians.

We also support House Bill 2474, which establishes licensure of facilities. This will include – by rule – a set fee to cover administrative costs of facility inspections. Our organization, as well as others, will have the opportunity through a working group to discuss all aspects of facility licensure (including the fee) and make recommendations to the OVMEB. **Note:** All funds designated for the OVMEB are from licensees and not from the general public.

We are asking for your support of the OVMEB's budget, as it is encompassed in HB 5023. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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