

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Rules

MEASURE: SB 386
CARRIER: Rep. Smith Warner

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 03/02/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 03/02

Vote:

Yeas: 9 - Barnhart, Gilliam, Hoyle, Kennemer, McLane, Nosse, Rayfield, Smith Warner, Wilson

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Makes public records disclosure exemption permanent for persons connected with medical research at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) using animals other than rodents.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Legislative history of exemption
- Ability of OHSU to attract and retain researchers
- Type of information exempt from disclosure
- Type of information released by OHSU upon request
- Threats of violence and menacing of Oregon National Primate Research Center (ONPRC) researchers
- Research conducted at ONPRC
- Research protocol and scope of oversight of research protocol

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Under current Oregon law, an exemption is available to protect public records from disclosure, about persons engaged in, or providing goods or services for, medical research that involves animals other than rodents at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU). OHSU must disclose information regarding proposed or ongoing research involving animals, but information about individual employees and companies that provide supplies or services are protected. The public records disclosure exemption was enacted in 2003, and scheduled to sunset in 2011 (House Bill 3093); in 2011, the sunset was extended until 2016.

Senate Bill 386 lifts the sunset, making the existing exemption from disclosure permanent.