

Senate Bill 638

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires research facilities where laboratory research is conducted to offer laboratory animals no longer used for research to animal rescue entity for adoption prior to euthanization of laboratory animal.

Requires research facilities to submit annual report to Secretary of State that provides certain information regarding release of laboratory animals and animal rescue entities with which facilities have entered into written agreements.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the adoption of research animals.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1)(a) A research facility that uses laboratory animals for laboratory re-**
5 **search, before euthanizing a laboratory animal that is no longer needed for research pur-**
6 **poses, shall offer the laboratory animal to an animal rescue entity for adoption, provided that**
7 **euthanizing the laboratory animal is not required for health or safety reasons.**

8 (b) A research facility may enter into a written agreement with an animal rescue entity
9 to carry out the purposes of paragraph (a) of this subsection.

10 (2) A research facility that provides a laboratory animal to an animal rescue entity pur-
11 suant to subsection (1) of this section is immune from civil liability for or resulting from the
12 transfer of the laboratory animal, provided that the research facility acted in good faith
13 concerning the health and physical condition of the laboratory animal.

14 (3) Not later than December 31 of each year, all research facilities described under sub-
15 section (1) of this section shall submit to the Secretary of State an annual report that in-
16 cludes the following information for the preceding year:

17 (a) The total number of laboratory animals owned by the research facility;

18 (b) The total number of laboratory animals that are used for research that is conducted
19 at the facility;

20 (c) The total number of laboratory animals released to animal rescue entities for
21 adoption;

22 (d) The name and address of each animal rescue entity to which a laboratory animal was
23 released; and

24 (e) A list of the names and addresses of the animal rescue entities with which the re-
25 search facility has entered into an agreement under subsection (1) of this section.

26 (4) As used in this section:

27 (a) "Animal rescue entity" has the meaning given that term in ORS 609.415.

28 (b) "Laboratory animal" means an animal as defined in ORS 609.415.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (c) "Laboratory research" means research, tests or experiments conducted for educa-
2 tional, scientific, medical or experimental purposes.

3 (d) "Research facility" means any institution of higher education or any facility, whether
4 privately or publicly owned, leased or operated, where laboratory research is performed.

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