

HB 2904 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires institutions and facilities that perform research, testing or studies involving nonhuman primates to submit annual reports to the Oregon State Veterinarian. Provides for rulemaking and fine violations for failure to submit timely reports.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon National Primate Research Center (ONPRC) in Beaverton is the only primate research facility operating in Oregon. A number of federal agencies provide oversight of the ONPRC, including the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. This oversight includes regular inspections of primate research facilities, guideline adherence, and reporting and record keeping requirements. Currently there are no state-mandated reporting requirements for primate research facilities operating in Oregon.

House Bill 2904 requires primate research and testing facilities operating in Oregon to submit an annual report to the State Veterinarian. This report is to include information on the number of primates at the facility, as well as an accounting of the number of primates that died or were injured as part of research, testing, and study or due to other causes. Other information to be provided includes a description of all research, testing or studies being conducted at the facility; the amount and source of public funding supporting the facility; any unredacted inspection reports; and any unredacted reports not otherwise lawfully privileged or protected from disclosure that were created by a law enforcement agency as part of any investigation into possible violations related to animal abuse, neglect, or mistreatment (ORS 167.31 to 167.390).

The measure also requires the State Veterinarian to make these annual reports public, directs the Oregon Department of Agriculture to adopt rules for reporting requirements, and provides for specific fine violations for failure to submit timely reports.