

HB 2904 -7 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:

- Limits of state authority on primate lab oversight
- Questions about current public reporting requirements
- Animal Welfare Act requirements

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-7 Replaces measure. Requires the Oregon Health and Science University to annually publish on a publicly accessible website the number of nonhuman primates at the university that were used in research and breeding. Requires them to post information about how many nonhuman primates were born; purchased and sold; or were injured or died in a manner that resulted in an animal welfare citation by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Requires the University to include links to publicly accessible websites that include descriptions of research using nonhuman primates. Requires the University to post the total amount of money awarded to the university's Oregon National Primate Research lab the previous fiscal year and any inspection report by the U.S. Department of Agriculture related to animal welfare that includes information about nonhuman primates during the previous year. Requires documentation of accreditation for the university's Oregon National Primate Research Center. Does not require disclosure of public records described in ORS 192.345 or 192.355.

FIS: Minimal fiscal impact on measure w/the -7 amendment

RIS: No revenue impact on measure w/the -7 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).

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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.