HB 2904 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Action Date: 04/04/23

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Conrad, Dexter, Evans, Grayber, Hieb, Lewis, Tran

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/9, 4/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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 the university 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 and post the total amount of money awarded to the Oregon National Primate Research lab the previous fiscal year. Requires the university to post any inspection reports 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 Oregon National Primate Research Center. Does not require disclosure of public records described in ORS 192.345 or 192.355.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

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

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

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 A requires the Oregon Health and Science University to annually publish on a publicly accessible website, data and reports regarding research and other activities at the Oregon National Primate Research Center.

Carrier: Rep. Gomberg