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Of:

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I'm writing to express my support for this bill requiring more transparency from places conducting research on non-human primates.

OHSU, with its many thousands of monkeys on which research is conducted, has been caught with several violations and fined by USDA several times for various incidents of mistreatment and negligence. OHSU has also been very much opposed to transparency, as evidenced by this lawsuit from last year that ruled against their favor (<https://news.ohsu.edu/2022/07/07/ohsu-statement-on-peta-public-records-lawsuit>).

Non-human primates are the closest living relatives to humans, and how we treat them reflects how we treat those who are not like us. They deserve the highest care, especially when their lives are used for purposes benefiting humans.

I support this bill that provides more oversight to such institutions.