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PLEASE SUPPORT THIS BILL. There should be no reason why information about testing on primates should not be public. If OHSU does not want to be transparent about their treatment of captive primates, then it follows that they are hiding activities that they do not want the general public to know about. We are citizens, and taxpayers, of a country and state that does not condone cruelty to people or animals. Using animals for testing is a backward, unnecessary, and useless practice that has been abandoned by companies and organizations that are more enlightened and more scientifically advanced.

*Requiring primate research centers to report information to the state will promote transparency on a matter of public concern.

*Lack of transparency in primate research risks more cruel and negligent treatment of the animals and unnecessary deaths.

*Since OHSU's primate center receives funding from federal grants, taxpayers are entitled to know more about what the center is doing.

*OHSU's primate research center has been cited in the past for serious violations of animal welfare laws, which justifies great public scrutiny.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.