

Testimony in Support of HB 2904

To: Committee for Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

From: Brooke Bachelor, DO

Re: Support for HB 2904-Requirement for research facilities involving non-human primates to annually report certain information to State Veterinarian

Dear Chair Grayber and Members of the Committee for Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans,

My name is Brooke Bachelor, and I live in Portland, Oregon. I write to you today in support of HB 2904, which I see as a first and overdue step to improve protections for non-human primates in Oregon.

As a taxpayer whose funds unfortunately funnel into running facilities like these, I want a better understanding of what researchers are studying and how animals are being cared for. In light of what appear to be recent avoidable and unacceptable primate deaths in Oregon, and in an effort to increase transparency and accountability, I feel it's reasonable to mandate annual reporting to the State Veterinarian. Collecting this information will help to identify specific deficiencies which, in turn, can lead to more specific interventions to protect non-human primates.

I truly believe that any intervention like this that moves toward more protections for these sentient beings is worthwhile and important, and is in line with Oregon's moral compass. Please join me in support of HB 2904.

Thank you,

Brooke Bachelor, DO