Submitter: Michael Stewart

On Behalf

Of: Self

Committee: House Committee: On Emergency Management, General

Government, and Veterans

Measure: HB2904 In opposition.

My name is Michael Stewart I have worked at OHSU for nineteen years. Over that time, I have gotten to know several people who work with the animals at ONPRC. They are good people who care deeply about animals they work with and care for. Counter to what you are being told there is oversight through accreditation by the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International. They meet the highest of federal regulatory and reporting requirements as set by OLAW and the USDA.

The intent of this bill is not to make ONPRC safer. Its true intent is to over regulate it to the point that it can no longer function as a research facility, setting back future medical breakthroughs and harming patients who would benefit from those breakthroughs. Therefore, I ask you to vote no on HB 2904