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Testimony of Humane Voters Oregon on House Bill 2904
Senate Committee on Judiciary

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Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Committee:

Humane Voters Oregon is a nonprofit organization that works in Oregon's political process and elections to promote humane treatment of animals. We are not affiliated with any other state or national organization.

Humane Voters Oregon supports House Bill 2904.

As amended, HB 2904 would require the Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) to publish annually on its website certain information regarding its use of nonhuman primates in research, including the number of animals used and the number of animals that were injured or that died in a manner resulting in a citation from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Recent reports show OHSU has treated primates used for research in a manner that violates animal welfare laws and is deeply concerning to many Oregonians.¹ These reports also show that OHSU has been less than forthcoming about its use and treatment of primates used for research, despite the public's legitimate interest in animal welfare. Thus, requiring OHSU to regularly disclose basic information on how it treats nonhuman primates used for research is justified, and we encourage your support of HB 2904.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Brian Posewitz
Director

¹ See articles [here](#) and [here](#).