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On Behalf
Of: Willakenzie Animal Clinic

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and
Water

Measure: HB4148

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of Willakenzie Animal Clinic, it's Veterinarians and staff, and most important - it's patients, we respectfully request that you recognize just how important the Veterinary Diagnostic Lab at OSU is to the veterinary community and citizens of Oregon, and support HB 4148.

We utilize their services frequently. In 2023 we sent 98 specimens to be analyzed for our patients. Their affordability, reliability, rapid response, and expertise in cytology and pathology has significantly contributed to the successful diagnosis and/or healing treatment of many of our patients.

The Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory plays a vital role in Oregon's public health by helping detect and combat diseases that are a threat to Oregon. It is Oregon's One Health laboratory responsible for diagnosing animal diseases across the state, including wildlife, beloved family pets and agricultural animals.

I am concerned about challenges the OVDL faces because of its outdated facilities and need to respond to ever-changing disease threats on the horizon.

I urge you to recognize the vital role the OVDL plays in combating disease threats in Oregon by supporting House Bill 4148 in this legislative session.

Respectfully,

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