

Jackson County Vector Control District

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To Whom It Concerns,

The Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (OVDL) provides critical support and services to mosquito and vector control districts in our state. Most of these agencies lack the equipment and funding necessary to conduct testing for arboviruses such as West Nile Virus and Western equine encephalitis themselves and therefore rely on the OVDL to test thousands of mosquito samples for them each year to ensure public health and safety.

Please consider approving House Bill 4148 so that mosquito control districts in Oregon can continue their mission of safeguarding public health.

Sincerely,

Andrew Partin Vector Ecologist Jackson County Vector Control District