

# A-Engrossed Senate Bill 181

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## SUMMARY

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**Digest: The Act concerns lab research on dogs and cats. The Act says that research facilities may not use public funds for certain types of lab research. (Flesch Readability Score: 79.7).**

*[Digest: The Act tells an agency to study rules related to animals. The Act tells the agency to report on the study. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.2).]*

*[Directs the State Department of Agriculture to study rules related to animals. Directs the department to report to the committees or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to natural resources no later than September 15, 2026.]*

**Prohibits a research facility from using public funds to directly fund medically unnecessary laboratory research on dogs or cats that is classified under certain pain and distress categories.**

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to animals.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **“Clinical veterinary research” means research on an animal with a naturally occur-**  
6 **ring disease or injury that is conducted:**

7 (A) **For the benefit of the animal; and**

8 (B) **With the intention of studying the effect of a procedure, device or treatment proto-**  
9 **col.**

10 (b) **“Directly fund” does not mean the issuance of funds for:**

11 (A) **The construction or maintenance of a research facility;**

12 (B) **The purchase or maintenance of general-use equipment;**

13 (C) **Overhead costs;**

14 (D) **Capital improvements; or**

15 (E) **Faculty or employee salaries.**

16 (c) **“Laboratory research” has the meaning given that term in ORS 609.410.**

17 (d) **“Medically unnecessary laboratory research” means laboratory research on an animal**  
18 **that is undertaken for a primary purpose other than improving the health, welfare or safety**  
19 **of the animal.**

20 (e) **“Research facility” has the meaning given that term in ORS 609.410.**

21 (f) **“Veterinary education” means laboratory research on an animal for the purpose of**  
22 **training veterinary professionals under a program accredited by the American Veterinary**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **Medical Association.**

2 (2) A research facility may not use public funds, in whole or in part, to directly fund  
3 medically unnecessary laboratory research on dogs or cats that is classified under a pain and  
4 distress category D or E by the United States Department of Agriculture.

5 (3) This section does not apply to a procedure performed on a dog or cat for the purpose  
6 of veterinary education or clinical veterinary research.

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