

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION****Measure: HB 3560 - A**Seventy-Sixth Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2011 Regular Session  
Legislative Fiscal Office

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**Measure Description:**

Directs State Board of Agriculture to establish wolf depredation compensation and cost-sharing program for purposes of compensating persons who suffer loss or injury due to wolf depredation and providing financial assistance to persons who implement livestock management techniques or nonlethal wolf control techniques designed to discourage wolf depredation of livestock.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Agriculture

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:** See Analysis**Local Government Mandate:**

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**Analysis:**

The measure directs the Department of Agriculture to establish and implement a wolf depredation compensation and financial assistance grant program to assist county wolf depredation programs. The measure defines county eligibility for the grants and allows the Department to adopt rules to implement the eligibility requirements. The measure establishes the Wolf Management Compensation and Proactive Trust Fund separate and distinct from the General Fund, continuously appropriates moneys in the fund to the Department and interest earned is credited back to the fund. The measure allows the Department to use moneys from the fund for administrative expenses relating to the grant program. The measure is effective on passage.

The fiscal impact is indeterminate. The amount and source of funds to be used for the grants are unknown. The Department anticipates utilizing existing staff to establish rules and the fund account for the program and wait until a source and amount of funds are determined before implementing the grant program. One-time startup costs for the program are assumed to be around \$25,000 General Fund.

The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that the demand and the distribution method of individual grants to be awarded are indeterminate and that excessive demand and the method of distribution may require additional staff to administer the program. Depending on the cumulative workload requirements added this session or possible budget reductions the legislature may need to review staffing requirements in the future should this legislation pass.