

Fact Sheet

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OPPOSE H.B. 4158: Protect Oregon's Wolves from Unreasonable Threats to Their Survival

The Humane Society of the United States opposes House Bill 4158 for the following reasons:

- The gray wolf was driven to the brink of extinction in the United States, and as a result, was placed on the Endangered Species List.
- For the record, The HSUS opposed the recent delisting of gray wolves in the Northern Rockies. The gray wolf has not recovered nationally – the wolf currently occupies only 5 % of its historic range. Further, The HSUS was the lead party in successfully challenging the proposed federal delistings in 2007 and 2009.
- The State's principal goal now should be the resolution of conflicts between livestock producers and wolves. Such efforts should focus primarily on providing livestock producers with technical guidance and assistance on ways to protect domestic animals from predation through the implementation of a wide range of site-specific non-lethal techniques including, but not limited to, guard animals, fencing, shed-lambing, and closely-monitored calf and lambing seasons.
- When these methods fail to provide adequate relief, lethal force can be used, but should only be used as a method of last resort. At this time, the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife already has the authority to kill wolves, has exercised that authority in the past, and as such, House Bill 4158 is a solution in search of a problem.

For all these reasons, The Humane Society of the United States urges you to vote NO on HB 4158. Thank you.



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