

## Raszka Shelley

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**To:** Raszka Shelley  
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Dear Members of the Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee:

Please consider killing this bill (HB3515).

I am not a resident of the state of Oregon but have visited the state and enjoyed the landscape of the area, especially the 'wild' parts.

It seems that most of the residents of Oregon want full protection for Oregon's wolves, at least until they can sustain themselves without said protection. This bill would overturn what the majority of Oregonians say they want.

Right now only 77 confirmed wolves occupy Oregon's 97,000 square miles, with only seven wolves known outside of NE Oregon. This is far from a recovered population.

I don't understand why wolf management would be turned over to politicians and special interests (mainly hunters and ranchers) when it should stay with the professional hands of the ODFW where science would prevail over personal feelings.

It would undo years of work which has produced the Oregon Wolf Plan, which has set a national standard for enlightened, scientifically rational wolf management. We need more of these plans and introducing HB3515 would lead to a major setback for the entire country.

This Bill would set a precedent which could be applied to any endangered or threatened species and would entirely politicize what should be a scientific process.

Oregon is a state distinguished for reverence and protection of its natural heritage including diverse wildlife. I strongly believe that state and national legislative representatives should listen to the vast majority of their constituents. With that in mind, this Bill would betray the environmental values cherished by the vast majority of Oregon voters.

For these reasons and more, I urge you to follow what you know in your heart to be right and vote against this Bill.

Respectfully,

Karen S. Chaikin