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Subject: Please save the last few remnants of wildlife

Dear Members of the Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee:

Please kill HB3515.

This bill would overturn the repeatedly affirmed desire of the majority of Oregonians to maintain full protections for Oregon's wolves until a healthy, genetically viable and self-sustaining population of this keystone species is well-established in our state.

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.

HB3515 would remove wolf management from the professional hands of the ODFW and put it under the entirely unscientific hand of politicians and special interests, some of whom have displayed an inveterate hatred of this species.

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.

Please help to preserve the last few remnants of wildlife on the continent. Life is hard as it is for predators and prey alike as humans have pushed them to the edges literally and figuratively already. We need wildlife as a counterpoint, for human narcissism, to remind us there is life that is not dependent on us as - if only we leave it alone.

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. This Bill would betray the environmental values cherished by the vast majority of Oregon voters.

For these reasons and more, I urge you to vote against this Bill.

Respectfully,
Jutta Grünewald

(Although I do not live in Oregon,
we frequently travel there as tourists
and to see friends)