

Raszka Shelley

From: Byron Braithwaite <byron.braithwaite@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2015 4:24 AM
To: Raszka Shelley
Subject: Bill HB 3515 - Prohibits State Fish and Wildlife Commission from including gray wolf on list of threatened or endangered species.

Dear Ms Raszka,

I am writing to provide my comments on this bill, to which I am strongly opposed.

The introduction to the bill states:

"This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety." I believe there to be no implication to public peace, health or safety. We as human beings have lived with these creatures for thousands of years, and are slowly exterminating them to ensure that our profit is maximised. With the passing of this bill, I believe that the result would be eradication of the grey wolf from the state of Oregon. I am not a resident of Oregon, but would like to say that eco-tourism (including viewing wildlife, natural ecosystems etc.) is a big draw for many of the visitors to your state.

I'd also like to point out that reducing wolf numbers would result in an increase in deer, which may cost crop farmers more than the livestock farmers currently lose to wolves.

Please ensure that these comments are presented.

Kind Regards,

Byron Braithwaite