

## Raszka Shelley

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Hello Shelley,

My name is Deborah Sweet and I live in Lane County in Oregon. I've been reviewing to wording of the house bills introduced to unprotect our natural predators and wanted to comment on these bills.

HB 3515 allows that wolves never be put on the Endangered Species List in Oregon. How could that be smart if there are only a few wolves in Oregon and the only benefit of this bill is for powerful ranching lobbyists? This is a political view of wolves in recovery not a scientific view which makes more sense.

HB 2050 allows individual counties to self-exempt from a bill which limits cougar hunting to humans without hound dogs to hunt down the cougars. How does this help the environment? It only helps hunters too lazy to actually be hunters and track down a cougar for game sport. Again, a political bill with no science involved and a shameful use of lobby money to give such spoils to a very few who are relatively ignorant or non-caring about the balance on nature.

HB 3140 ignores the ecological benefits of predators. They are not pests to be controlled or eliminated, but rather a vital link in the natural forest balance of power.

HB 3188 again predators are not pests. they are a natural resource and deserve protection, not elimination or cruel ways of murdering them for some very few to gain.

HB 3514 is also a lobbying sham to extend and raise tax credits for the few ranchers who are looking to gain somehow, financially, more than their share, for probable solve predation on livestock. This is a waste of good taxpayer money and should not even be a bill.

thank you for reading my views and I hope these bills are defeated soundly to legislators who weigh the benefit to all of us, including the natural predators in the forests of mighty Oregon. Without these animals, the forests would not be balanced or even interesting. Imagine a forest and range with only cows and sheep and no other animals. No wildness at all. What a tragedy that would be and these bills are part of attempting to eliminate and decrease the wildness we all cherish.

Deborah Sweet