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RE: HB 3140 and HB 3188

Dear Committee Members,

Please oppose this bill. Losses by wolves are minuscule compared to losses from disease and weather. If tax dollars are to be spent, protecting livestock from those issues would be far more beneficial.

Oregon already has a system to deal with predator control. There is no need for more infrastructure to do this. Well over a million dollars is already allotted to kill our wildlife; far too much already, and with little oversight to ascertain the validity of need for each situation.

Increased killing of predators, especially those like coyotes whose pack numbers vary depending on territory food availability and vacancy, increase breeding and litter numbers when targeted by predator control, causing greater numbers and often greater problems in the area where they have been targeted.

Predator control has done little in the long run to resolve conflicts, especially with coyotes.

A far better investment would be to create a system for better training and help to ranchers and others on how to prevent losses from predators by using better practices, more effective fencing, protection animals, etc.

This bill is not needed, nor is the expenditure. Please oppose this bill.

Sincerely,

Laurel Hines

