

SB 5544

Sage Grouse and Wolf Compensation

SB 5544, as amended, provides \$100,000 General Fund to the Department of Agriculture for the Wolf Compensation and Grant Assistance program. This program provides grants to support the reduction of wolf/livestock interactions and provide compensation for wolf related livestock losses.

The bill also appropriates \$90,000 General Fund, authorizes \$90,000 Other Funds expenditure limitation and establishes two half-time positions in the Department of Fish and Wildlife to continue work on sage grouse conservation. The two limited duration positions identify habitat improvement projects and practices on private lands that will benefit sage grouse.

Your Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 5544 be amended by the -1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.