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Dear Chair Edwards and Committee members,

Predator Defense opposes HB4040A which would delist wolves from protection under Oregon's endangered species act.

Wolves have already been delisted in Oregon by the Fish and Wildlife Commission. HB4040 is redundant and sets a dangerous precedent whereby lawmakers undermine and usurp the exclusive authority of the Commission to list and delist endangered species in Oregon. Wildlife management decisions are relegated to the authority of the Commission in order to make those decisions based on science, as opposed to politics. HB4040 threatens the checks and balances provided by the rules and regulations governing fair decision making.

The majority of Oregonians, as evidenced by the 96% of comments received by the Commission re. delisting, are opposed to removing endangered species protection for wolves. This bill is not representative of how Oregon residents want wolves treated. And the bill stifles public input, circumvents the Oregon Wolf Plan and the legal review process currently underway questioning the basis of the delisting decision made by the Commission.

While the amended version of the bill rightfully removed the relisting language, HB4040 does not merit further consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB4040A.

Sincerely yours,

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