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Senator Kathleen Taylor, Co-Chair
Representative Jeff Reardon, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Subcommittee on Natural Resources
900 Court Street NE
Room H-178
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chairs:

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss the Oregon Department of Agriculture's program work, policy option packages and budget during Day 2 of our budget hearing. Below are the department's responses to questions raised regarding the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service) Wildlife Services Predator Control program.

1. Which counties are contributing to the USDA APHIS Predator Control program?

Below is a chart detailing which Oregon counties are contributing to the USDA Predator Control Program. This information is from a recent billing statement.

Wildlife Services Activity July-September 2018

County	Cost	Other Direct Costs
Benton/Polk	\$1,929.95	
Clackamas	\$1747.92	
Coos	\$2,153.85	
Crook/Jefferson/Wasco	\$1,847.02	
Deschutes	\$2,687.05	\$697.95
Douglas	\$5,477.25	
Jackson	\$1,776.36	
Klamath		\$444.70
Lane	\$4,123.13	
Lincoln	\$1,127.57	\$791.58
Linn	\$1,733.81	
Malheur		\$248.32
Marion	\$1,655.53	
Morrow	0.02	
Northern Curry	\$1,698.98	
Sherman	\$6318.21	

Southern Curry	\$1,841.61	\$409.87
Umatilla	\$0.01	
Wallowa	\$0.01	
Washington	\$1,682.14	

Each ODA and ODFW (Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife) billing statement includes the following proclamation: "APHIS-WS will not use any ODA state funding to purchase, set, check, remove or prepare equipment related to the use of M-44s for predatory animal control activities. APHIS-WS utilizes their Management Information System (MIS) as an activity reporting tool for those locations where M44s are used."

2. How much federal, state, and local funding does the USDA APHIS Predator Control program receive?

ODA has contacted USDA APHIS and requested this detailed budget information and will provide it to the committee as soon as we receive it.

3. What limitations exist in the USDA APHIS Wildlife Services Predator Control program?

According to the Cooperative Service Agreement between ODA and the USDA APHIS Wildlife Services, the federal agency will provide the state with technical assistance, direct management if technical assistance alone is not adequate and agrees to not use any ODA state funding to purchase, set, check, remove or prepare equipment related to the use of M-44s for predatory animal control activities. The project is monitored by David Williams, State Director, located in Portland. USDA APHIS bills ODA quarterly for actual costs in providing service, not to exceed \$464,200 for the biennium.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Committee's questions. Please contact me if I may provide additional information.

Sincerely,



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