



Coos-Curry County Farm Bureau

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April 25, 2021

Representative Nancy Nathanson, Chairman
House Revenue Committee
Oregon State Capitol Building
Salem, Oregon

RE: HB 3167 A: Predator Damage Control District funding

Chairman Nathanson and members of the House Committee:

The Coos-Curry County Farm Bureau supports HB 3167A, repealing the sunset on the 2015 HB 3188 dealing with Predator Damage Control Districts. The formation of Districts is an important avenue for the voluntary assessment. The District dollars go directly to the County to help with funding the County Program. Many of CCFB members are part of the Coos County Predator Damage Control District and one of our Board members serves on the Predator Board. Predator management is extremely important in both Coos and Curry County. Livestock producers each year loose valuable livestock to predation as well as the timber industry in our area loses millions of board feet of timber due to bear damage. This important tool allows producers to stay in business. It does not stop predation but manages the numbers of those who kill livestock, damage trees and other infrastructure as well as provides for public safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue. Please vote "yes" to pass HB 3167A out of Committee.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan McCarthy", with a long, sweeping underline.

Ryan McCarthy, President
Coos-Curry County Farm Bureau