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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, and Water

Measure: HB4127

Dear Committee Members:

It's unconscionable an increase of \$1 million is being considered for this fund. It was unbelievable an additional increase of \$400,000 was added to the fund for the 2021-23 biennium. The original \$100,000 fund amount has always been an adequate amount for compensation for confirmed cattle losses.

In 2021 there was only 50 confirmed cattle losses, but 679 missing, unconfirmed or probable cattle losses. An actual attack would provide at least parts of the animal.

Unconfirmed losses are being reported in areas where there are no known wolves.

Why are we paying for unconfirmed losses? My insurance company would not give me a dime without proof of loss. It's obvious this fund has provided avenues of committing fraud and has become a cash register for some unethical ranchers.

The entire program needs to be reviewed prior to funding of any amount being considered. It is also allowing for indiscriminate poaching of wolves, 9 last year.

Please review this program before considering additional funding.

Sincerely,

Jan Asher

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