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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure: HB4127

Please vote No on HB 4127.

Among other problems, this program and this bill are fiscally irresponsible.

The Oregon legislature allocated \$400,000 last year to this program. That money has not been fully spent. We should not be giving free money to livestock operators when their losses do not justify it.

in 2021, there were confirmed and probable wolf depredation and injuries for 50 cattle, but 679 missing livestock claims have been made, mostly based on anecdotal information.

Oregon is the only state to pay livestock operators for missing livestock claims. Surely no State will follow us in this as the claims are unverifiable. Livestock go missing due to theft, negligence, illness, other predators, etc. Throwing more money at this program is fiscally irresponsible.