

Submitter: Deborah Kreuser

On Behalf Of: self

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

Measure: HB4127

I must voice my opposition to HB 4127. When the Wolf Compensation Fund was first created, it was used as a way to allocate funds for non-lethal preventative measures, provide financial assistance to livestock owners who verifiably lost livestock to wolves, and help build tolerance and coexistence. Instead, what has happened, in my opinion, is a misuse, waste and abuse of these funds along with a lack of increased tolerance for wolves. The Wolf Compensation Program simply needs more accountability and transparency to Oregon's taxpayers, not more money.

Instead of issuing more money to this program, we need an overhaul to ensure it's actually doing what it was supposed to do: support livestock operators for direct losses and build tolerance for wolves. Thank You for your time and the opportunity to voice my concerns about the Wolf Compensation Fund.