

February 7, 2022 2022 Oregon Legislature House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, and Water Subject: HB 4127

Chair Helm, Vice-Chairs McLain and Owens, Members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, and Water:

Please accept this testimony in support of HB 4127: Protecting Oregon Livestock, Protecting Oregon Wolves

HB 4127 allocates much-needed resources to Oregon's Wolf Management Compensation program. The Wolf Management Compensation program provides funding through grants to Oregon counties. Grant money is awarded to participating counties to assist with costs to purchase supplies and implement preventative measures during the upcoming grant period, and lastly covers some county program implementation costs. In 2020, 12 counties received grants under the program. Funds were used for non-lethal preventative measures to reduce depredation and for direct payment of confirmed depredations and missing livestock to livestock producers.

The Association of Oregon Counties asks for your support of HB 4127.

Thank you.
Respectfully submitted,
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