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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Measure: HB4080

Hello - I strongly oppose HB 4080 because the money would go toward cruel and unnecessary killing. I do not support using money for Wildlife Services is a highly controversial program that poisons, traps, snares, guns and pays hunters to decimate Oregon's wildlife.

This bill does not require non-lethal alternatives as it should. Although it "permits" use of funds for this, it does not require or even consider non-lethal measures which is unacceptable.

Accountability is a must and HB 4040 does not allow the public from holding the special districts accountable.

Oregonians do not support the use of public funding for killing of wildlife especially for unnecessary and excessive killing. Oregon should convene a stakeholder group to evaluate how to spend money on predator control. Wildlife Services supports a small faction of Oregonians to subsidize farmers and ranchers and this department also receives money from the Dept. of Agriculture and the dept. of Fish and Wildlife. Before resurrecting predator control districts let's discuss this to see if there is a better way than simply death.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Kat Balogh