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after listening to the hearing, this bill seems unnecessary, or needs to be split into two separate funds - one for compensation, another for prevention measures. either way, after reading the staff summary, predation by wolves was not high. as a farmer with sheep and goats, I consider myself to be the main guard animal assisted by my donkey, jimmy. before getting jimmy I had 2 animals killed probably by cougars (we have cougars and coyotes here). I also put animals into a barn at night. domestic dogs had also attacked my animals and are responsible for more sheep deaths in my area. I don't support killing these dogs either. I have confidence that ODA and ODFW can and should determine wolf predation and we should not compensate people who do not remove carcasses that draw predators or file claims for missing animals who may not have been cared for properly.