



Coos - Curry County Farm Bureau

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February 8, 2022

Representative Pam Marsh, Chair
House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources
Oregon State Capitol Building
Salem, Oregon

RE: HB 4080: Predator Damage Control District funding

Chair Marsh and members of the House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources:

The Coos-Curry County Farm Bureau supports HB 4080, repealing the sunset on the 2015 HB 3188 legislation dealing with Predator Damage Control Districts and reinstating the Predator Damage Control Districts that were in existence on January 1, 2022. The formation of Districts created an important avenue for the voluntary assessment. The District dollars go directly to the County to help with funding the County Program. Many of our members are part of the Coos County Predator Damage Control District. Livestock producers each year lose valuable livestock to predation as well as the timber industry in our area loses millions of board feet of timber due to bear damage. This important tool allows producers to stay in business and assist the County with funding the program which has been in existence for close to half a century. It does not stop predation but manages the numbers of those who actually kill livestock, damage trees and other infrastructure as well as provides for public safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue. Please vote "yes" to pass HB 4080.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marc Van Camp".

Marc Van Camp, President