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I strongly favor passage of this bill. Currently, compensation to livestock producers for livestock injury by wolves is minimal, especially in comparison with the actual value of the animals that are injured and/or killed. This bill would, if passed, at least make an attempt to compensate the producer for the actual value of the livestock that the producer depends on for his/her livelihood.

Wolves in Oregon have been allowed to go completely out of control, to the point that domestic animals are in danger in all parts of the state, not just a few isolated areas. Until now, the pittance paid to the owner of an animal injured or killed by wolves is more of an insult than a help, and I feel that this bill should be passed in order to at least try to help livestock producers recover lost revenue.