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I write in support of this bill. While a tax is not a permanent fix, livestock producers need compensation for losses endured by dealing with wolf depredation. Livestock producers provide and steward much of the habitat for wildlife that drive eco-tourism for our state. Some claim the tax will hurt tourism. However, Oregon currently has one of the lowest TLT taxes in the nation and it is far below the average of 6%. Also, if livestock producers are forced out of business, the stewards of our land will not be here provide habitat and open spaces that tourists enjoy in our state. A permanent fix is needed, but this provides compensation while that fix is achieved.

Please pass this bill.

Sincerely,

Thomas White