

# House Bill 2746

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## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires State Department of Fish and Wildlife to biennially report to Legislative Assembly regarding estimated change in wolf population. Requires Legislative Assembly to identify amount of state funding necessary to provide counties with assistance sufficient for carrying out essential features of county programs regarding wolf depredation and financial assistance. Requires Legislative Assembly to review estimate of change in wolf population prior to making appropriation to fund used for wolf depredation and financial assistance grant program. Requires that Legislative Assembly establish, to extent practicable, fund appropriation amount greater than identified necessary funding amount and reflecting estimated change in wolf population. Requires that Legislative Assembly, to extent practicable, direct that minimum percentage of appropriation be expended for financial assistance to persons who implement livestock management techniques or nonlethal wolf deterrence techniques designed to discourage wolf depredation of livestock.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to wolves; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 610.155.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of the wildlife laws.**

5 **SECTION 2. Each biennium the State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall prepare a**  
6 **report that estimates the net change in wolf population during the preceding two-year period.**  
7 **The department shall submit the report to the Legislative Assembly as provided under ORS**  
8 **192.245 and post the report on the department's website for public access.**

9 **SECTION 3. ORS 610.155 is amended to read:**

10 610.155. (1) The Wolf Management Compensation and Proactive Trust Fund is established sepa-  
11 rate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned on the moneys in the Wolf Management  
12 Compensation and Proactive Trust Fund shall be credited to the fund. All moneys in the fund are  
13 continuously appropriated to the State Department of Agriculture for the purpose of establishing  
14 and implementing the wolf depredation compensation and financial assistance grant program de-  
15 scribed in ORS 610.150.

16 (2) The fund shall consist of moneys appropriated by the Legislative Assembly for the purposes  
17 of the fund and any gifts, grants, donations, endowments or bequests from any public or private  
18 source. The State Department of Agriculture may seek out and receive any gifts, grants, donations,  
19 endowments or bequests for the purpose of establishing and implementing the wolf depredation  
20 compensation and financial assistance grant program described in ORS 610.150. The department  
21 shall deposit such moneys into the fund.

22 (3) **The Legislative Assembly shall identify the amount of state funding necessary to**  
23 **provide counties with assistance sufficient for counties to carry out the essential features**  
24 **of county programs described in ORS 610.150.**

25 (4) **Prior to making any appropriation for a biennium to the fund, the Legislative As-**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **sembly shall review the estimated change in wolf population contained in the State Depart-**  
2 **ment of Fish and Wildlife biennial report filed under section 2 of this 2019 Act. The**  
3 **Legislative Assembly shall, to the extent the Legislative Assembly deems practicable:**

4 (a) **Establish the appropriation in an amount that is greater than the amount identified**  
5 **by the Legislative Assembly under subsection (3) of this section and that, relative to the**  
6 **amount appropriated to the fund for the preceding biennium, fully reflects the estimated**  
7 **change in wolf population; and**

8 (b) **Direct that a minimum of 30 percent of the appropriation be expended for financial**  
9 **assistance to persons who implement livestock management techniques or nonlethal wolf**  
10 **deterrence techniques designed to discourage wolf depredation of livestock.**

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