

**TESTIMONY –**

**HB 2068**

**House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee**

**January 26, 2021**

Chair Witt and Members of the Committee,

My name is Dennis Sheehy. I am a rancher from Wallowa County. I currently serve as the Wildlife Committee Chair for the Oregon Cattlemen's Association. My comments are provided to offer a respectful amendment for the Committee's consideration and am happy to make myself available for additional input if the Committee so desires as you consider HB 2068.

Please consider the following as a courteous recommendation for your consideration:

**Recommended Amendment to Section 2; subsection 6(b):**

**A landowner who ....not an immediate family member, as defined in ORS 496.146 (4) unless ODFW has certified the landowners property as subject to wildlife damage needing alleviation.**

I offer this amendment with the following explanation:

In a chronic wildlife damage situation where the purpose of hunting is to alleviate damage that is presently occurring to the landowner's property, it should not be a consideration whether the landowner, the family or non-family hunters are issued tags.

Thank you for considering this language. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

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