

I write in opposition to SB 642, a bill to appropriate \$800,000 to the wolf compensation fund. This compensation program is in desperate need of reform. Abuse and inappropriately used funds, lack of focus on non-lethal tools, and more has me skeptical of simply giving livestock operators more money to do business-as-usual. Couple that with reduced protections for wolves, and it's no wonder there is opposition to increasing this fund. Oregon can do better to protect its iconic wolves and we must.