

I am against this bill in the current form. The current program does not disperse my tax dollars in a prudent manner. Some of the farmers and ranchers who have lost livestock to wolves do not use non lethal methods. Therefore, there are numerous claims. There is no excuse because Wildlife Services has money for that. If I had a business and wanted to claim a loss to my insurance company they would be more cautious handing out money. They would want to make sure it would be more highly likely that the loss would not happen again. Why can't the State be more like an insurance company?

Wolves are wildlife that belong to all Oregonians. Farmers and ranchers need to live in the 21st century. Oregonians have a right to say how their wildlife is managed and how farmers and ranchers use methods to deal with wolves and use killing as a last resort that has been proven.