



Coos-Curry County Farm Bureau

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Representative Witt, Chairman
House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources
Oregon State Capitol Building
Salem, Oregon

RE: HB 3167: Predator Damage Control District funding

Chairman Witt and members of the House Committee:

The Coos-Curry County Farm Bureau supports HB 3167 repealing the sunset on the 2015 HB 3188 dealing with Predator Damage Control Districts. Many of our members are part of the Coos County Predator Damage Control District and one of our Board members serves on the Predator Board. Predator management is extremely important in both Coos and Curry County. Livestock producers each year lose valuable livestock to predation as well as the timber industry in our area loses millions of board feet of timber due to bear damage. This important tool allows producers to stay in business. It does not stop predation but manages the numbers of those who kill livestock, damage trees and other infrastructure as well as provides for public safety.

The CCFB supports HB 3167 which is the most comprehensive of the bills plus it is written to address issues members foresee in the future.

Please vote "yes" on HB 3167. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue.

Respectfully,

Ryan McCarthy, President
Coos-Curry County Farm Bureau