

To the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery,  
The Wolf Management Compensation program is an important part of the Oregon Wolf Plan. We need this to continue if ranchers are to stay viable in Oregon due to continued depredation by wolf packs. These wolves were allowed to proliferate under the plan and the plan was written knowing that the growing numbers of wolves would cause financial harm to ranchers and livestock owners, and therefore the compensation program was put into place as a buffer for losses. If the compensation is removed, so should the Wolf Plan be removed, because the diverse group who wrote the plan agreed that compensation was necessary to obtain the cooperation of all those people who care for the land and livestock and provide needed food resources for the citizens of this state. There is actually only a small percentage of livestock lost that receive compensation to the owners due to the nature of wolves and the consumption of the evidence, so producers are still suffering loss even with the compensation. Please pass this bill and continue to provide the just support to Oregon livestock producers.