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I'm not against the concept, but the Compensation Program at minimum needs major reform.

For example, the Oregon legislature allocated \$400,000 just last year that has yet to be fully spent.

So why are we giving free money livestock operators when their losses aren't anywhere near that amount?

I know the goal of HB 4127 is to pay livestock operators for missing livestock claims. Oregon is the only state to do this and it is controversial and unverifiable - as livestock go missing for a number of reasons including theft, negligence, other predators, etc. Throwing more money at the program without building in more accountability and transparency is irresponsible, and frankly we have bigger needs during a covid pandemic and a housing crisis.