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On Behalf Of: Kennerly Tractor LLC
Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources
Measure: HB4080

So many of our clients are in the ranching/farming community. We know the importance of them being able to protect their crops, herds and flocks. The trapping programs bring some control to the ranching community and without this option, the predators would overrun our area and become out of control. A rancher can only sustain so much loss until it is no longer profitable to remain in business.

These ranches help to contribute to the food supply of our local communities as well as around the state. These ranches contribute to the retailers in our area from the local butcher shop; meat counter at the supermarket, etc. Local ranches help to maintain supply which helps to keep food costs down in the community as well. Affordable food and local sourcing is important in helping to maintain a healthy economy.

If the ranchers/farmers are not able to help mitigate the damage the predators cause, they will not be able to affordably function - it hurts the entire community. We strongly support HB4080 as we have seen it work in our County.

Sincerely,
Blake Kennerly,
Umpqua Valley Tractor