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On Behalf Of: self

Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Measure: HB4080

Chair Marsh and House committee,

I am urging you to move HB 4080 forward for consideration. This is a funding bill to help landowners with predation when non lethals don't work. I raise sheep, cattle and goats in Douglas County with my wife and three kids at the Roseburg limits next to a city park. I spend upwards of 20,000 dollars a year on non-lethal measures including fencing, guard dogs, flashing lights, flagging and night penning just to name a few. I only spend 900 dollars a year on lethal. For our livestock to be able to graze on open hills and reduce fire danger like what happened to us in the Archie creek fire we need to be able to graze our livestock. When we become unable to graze livestock on natural pasture, livestock then becomes pen raised and that is not what anybody wants. This bill is super important to keep livestock on the hills where brush becomes a problem and wildfires start.

Thanks for your time,

Dan Dawson