



# MALHEUR COUNTY

COUNTY COURT

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On Behalf Of: Malheur County  
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources  
Measure: SB 199

Honorable Chair Golden, Honorable Vice Chair Girod, members of the committee

My name is Ron Jacobs, and I'm a Malheur County Commissioner.

I am opposed to SB 199. I feel this bill places additional responsibility with OFWC which it is not equipped or prepared to fulfill. Some of the testimony in favor of this bill suggested that OFWC is the most qualified to manage the predatory animals. I would direct your attention to the numerous problems that exist with the big game and other wildlife OFWC is responsible for currently. Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department does not have the funding, manpower or the expertise to take on the management of the predatory animals.

The county helps fund the management of the predatory animals and working with ODA along with our Federal partners, this allows us to work across boundaries of private, federal and state lands. To bring in OFWC would only complicate the working relationship we have with these other agencies.

We have a system where ODA administers Legislative policies governing predator animals. As written this bill would give OFWC standardless powers to regulate predatory animals, while not being directly subject to the legislative policies governing ODA's management of predatory animals. This would only lead to uncertainty and conflicting authority between ODA and OFWC.

I ask you to oppose SB 199.

Thank you,

Commissioner Ron Jacobs