

SB 777 would alter compensation rates from fair market value to many more times that amount, during a time when Oregonians and Oregon's legislators are being told to tighten budgets. If approved, the loss compensation program could be rapidly drained. This could have devastating consequences and lead to less support for non-lethal coexistence measures. The bill accomplishes very little to advance wolf recovery and co-existence in Oregon.

I urge you to vote NO on SB 777 and encourage conservation community members and the agricultural community to reengage in meaningful dialogue on ways to improve the loss compensation program. This bill in no way advances measures to promote coexistence between wildlife and human populations in Oregon.