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I support compensation to ranchers and other producers who loose livestock to wolf-kills. Oregon spent a lot of effort and a long time developing a workable process for compensation. The process is acceptable to most stake-holders. SB777 removes payment for lost livestock but raises the multiplier to 7 times the fair market value for the wolf-kill loss. The proposed legislation suggests that the removal of lost-livestock-compensation is a fair-trade for raising the wolf-kill multiplier to 7. No one knows if this is a reasonable trade-off. There is no good reason to change the current procedures for compensation.