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I am opposed to SB 777. The 7x multiplier would provide payments well beyond fair market value despite what this bill proclaims. ODFW field biologists are already being bullied and pressured by ranchers to make wolf-kill determinations when there is doubt. I can't imagine the harassment when ranchers might expect to see a \$25,000 check per animal. How does this incentivize wolf-conflict avoidance? It encourages rancher sloppiness and neglect. Excessive compensation discourages the adoption of non-lethal conflict mitigation methods. Conflicts between livestock and wolves are already uncommon, and despite these multipliers, wolves will still be killed in response to such incidents. No to SB 777!