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Wildfire
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SB 777 loosens the already generous standards for proof of wolf damage, opening the door to exaggerated or false claims. Additionally, the expanded payments proposed - without confirmed wolf involvement - siphons wildlife funds away from important conservation work and funnels those taxpayer dollars into ranchers' pockets.

SB 777 ignores the many non-lethal and proven coexisting solutions that ranchers have, like range riders, fencing and herding. Instead, it prioritizes government handouts over responsible ranching.

Wolves account for only a tiny fraction of livestock losses compared to disease, weather, and other predators. This bill advances the false narrative that wolves are the primary threat to ranching.

This is a bad bill and should die in committee.

Thank you for your consideration.