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I am opposed to SB 777 because passage would do these actions:

Expand payouts for livestock losses—without confirmed wolf involvement. Ranchers could receive up to 7x fair market value for "probable" wolf kills, even when no concrete evidence exists.

Loosen standards for proof opens the door to exaggerated or false claims, siphoning critical wildlife funds away from real conservation efforts.

Ignore non-lethal solutions. Instead of supporting proven coexistence strategies like range riders, fencing, and deterrents, SB 777 prioritizes handouts over responsible ranching.

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

As a wolf advocate, I can see that SB 777 is one of the worst bills that will ignore co-existence, non-lethal tools.