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Currently, ranchers in Oregon receive 100% of the fair market value for confirmed and probable farmed animal losses attributed to wolves.

SB 777 not only goes against the principles of fairness but also poses a threat to using effective non-lethal conflict mitigation practices because it creates a disincentive for farmers to use non-lethal approaches.

Ranchers who don't lose livestock to wolves—because they are implementing multiple robust non-lethal coexistence strategies—would receive less financial support than ranchers who lose farm animals to wolves.

The compensation multipliers (paying well over market value) proposed in SB 777 discourage the use of non-lethal conflict mitigation practices when resources should be focused on helping ranchers implement lasting, non-lethal solutions.

Please join me in opposing SB 777