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Currently ranchers and farmers can be compensated at fair market value for any livestock lost to wolf predation. The seven-times compensation multiplier could rapidly drain the funds and lead to less support for ranchers trying to implement proven, non-lethal coexistence tools. This would harm ranchers and wolves in the long run. These compensation multipliers (paying well over market value) discourage the use of non-lethal conflict mitigation practices when resources should be focused on helping ranchers implement lasting, non-lethal solutions.

More compensation will not save wolves. Conflicts between farm animals and wolves are already rare, and even with compensation multipliers, wolves will continue to be killed in response to such conflicts. This bill is unnecessary, overly expensive and ineffective at balancing livestock/predator conflicts.