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Senate Natural Resources & Wildfire

Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Nash, and members of the committee:

Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) is the state's most inclusive agriculture organization, proudly representing more than 6,500 family farms and ranches that produce more than 220 agricultural commodities. From hops and hazelnuts to cattle, cranberries, and timber with operations spanning from just a few acres to thousands, our members utilize all farming methods including organic, conventional, regenerative, biotech, and even no-tech.

OFB supports Senate Bill 777, as it strengthens the existing compensation framework, ensures fairness in reimbursement, and improves the financial assistance grant program for livestock producers implementing deterrence measures.

We support compensation for probable injuries to livestock and working dogs. Livestock losses due to predator depredation—especially from wolves—continue to have a direct and significant impact on farmers and ranchers across Oregon.

By refining Oregon's approach to wolf depredation management, this legislation helps safeguard the livelihoods of livestock producers while promoting responsible coexistence. Oregonians face significant challenges in operating near growing wolf populations. Livestock producers bear immense financial burdens when their animals are injured or killed by wolf depredation.

SB 777 helps safeguard the livelihoods of livestock producers while promoting responsible coexistence with Oregon's recovering wolf populations. This program also indirectly supports predator management by acknowledging and addressing financial losses. The challenge of coexisting with wildlife has always been—and will always be—an ongoing reality for our producers.

Oregon's counties play a crucial role in mitigating wolf-livestock conflicts, investigating incidents, and directly compensating producers for losses. We stand with counties in their support of this program, as our members rely on these resources for fair compensation and assistance.

While we believe the program should fully cover missing livestock, we recognize the proposed multiplier approach is a step in the right direction. SB 777 represents a win-win for both livestock producers and wolf conservation and provides essential support when facing the challenges posed by wolf depredation.

Thank you.



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