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This bill would create predator damage control districts to further fund the federal Wildlife Services (a misnomer if there ever was one), to kill perceived predators such as foxes, bobcats, and coyotes. This bill would allow Wildlife Services to not use or consider non-lethal methods of predator control first, and continue its cruel and barbaric killing methods such as poisoning, trapping, snaring, aerial gunning, and gassing (of dens that contain young). Wildlife Services has been quite successful, overly so in my opinion, in using these killing methods; in 2023 124,826 native animals in Oregon were dispatched accordingly. The state should not approve greater funding for killing wildlife using inhumane methods. Non-lethal conflict resolution should always be prioritized.