

Submitter: John Rakestraw

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2403

I am writing to express strong opposition to HB2403. Tax payers should not have to pay for Wildlife Services, an agency that uses lethal, and often cruel, means to deal with wildlife issues on private land. Non-lethal means are almost always available to mitigate conflicts with wildlife. Multiple studies have shown that removing predators causes multiple adverse effects throughout the ecosystem. Public money should not be used to fund private enterprises that harm Oregon's wildlife and the systems that we all depend on. Thank you.