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This bill is about killing predators, supposedly to protect livestock, but the best available science shows that killing carnivores only worsens conflicts with livestock because it breaks up stable family groups. In addition, HB 2403 doesn't require recipients of district funds to use nonlethal alternatives to protecting their livestock, of which there are many. In this age of extinction, efforts should focus on coexistence with essential native predators, not on extermination.