

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LAND USE, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND WATER

April 30, 2025
08:00 AM

Hearing Room D

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Ken Helm, Co-Chair
Rep. Mark Owens, Co-Chair
Rep. Sarah Finger McDonald, Vice-Chair
Rep. Court Boice
Rep. Annessa Hartman
Rep. Bobby Levy
Rep. Pam Marsh
Rep. Susan McLain
Rep. Anna Scharf

STAFF PRESENT: Anna Glueder, LPRO Analyst
Allison Darne, Committee Assistant

EXHIBITS: Exhibits from this meeting are available [here](#)

MEASURES/ISSUES: SB 777 A – Public Hearing

00:00:01 Meeting Called to Order
00:00:02 Co-Chair Helm

00:00:16 **SB 777 A - Public Hearing**
00:00:17 Co-Chair Helm
00:00:52 Rep. B. Levy
00:01:40 Sen. Todd Nash, Senate District 29
00:05:14 Rep. Bobby Levy, House District 58
00:08:36 Branden Pursinger, Legislative Affairs Manager, Association of Oregon
Counties
00:15:25 Rocky Dallum, Eastern Oregon Counties Association; Oregon Cattlemen's
Association
00:19:30 John Williams, Co-Chair, Wolf Committee, Oregon Cattlemen's Association;
rancher, Wallowa County
00:23:27 Rep. Marsh
00:25:50 Rep. Boice
00:26:00 Rep. Scharf
00:26:45 Rep. Hartman
00:32:48 Brian Wolfer, Deputy Wildlife Division Deputy Administrator, Oregon
Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)
00:34:48 Shaun Clements, Deputy Director, ODFW

00:35:34 Jonathan Sandau, Deputy Director, Oregon Department of Agriculture
00:40:52 Co-Chair Owens
00:44:08 Vice-Chair Finger McDonald
00:48:03 Joseph Vaile, Defenders of Wildlife
00:51:06 Diana Wirth, President Elect, Oregon Cattlemen's Association; rancher, Klamath County
00:54:20 Michael Dotson, Executive Director, Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center, Jackson County
00:56:36 Veril Nelson, Douglas County Livestock Association; Co-Chair, Wolf Committee, Oregon Cattlemen's Association
01:01:19 Bethany Cotton, Conservation Director, Cascadia Wildlands
01:04:26 Matt McElligott, President, Oregon Cattlemen's Association
01:08:03 Wally Sykes, Wallowa County Compensation Committee
01:10:11 Mike Alger, rancher, Yamhill and Lincoln Counties
01:12:41 Eliza Walton, Coalition Director, Oregon League of Conservation Voters; Oregon Conservation Network
01:16:11 Wendy von Kalinowski, Education Outreach, Wolf Welcome Committee
01:19:37 Tom Birkmaier, Owner and Manager, Birkmaier Ranch, Inc.
01:22:11 Kelly Birkmaier, resident, Enterprise
01:23:15 Lesslie Lathrop, Owner and Manager, Quarter Circle 11 Ranch
01:27:12 Paul Anderes, Union County Commissioner; Co-Chair, Eastern Oregon Counties Association
01:29:05 Lisa Collier, Wallowa County Commissioner
01:31:43 Rawley Bigsby, first-generation rancher, Wallowa County
01:34:10 Dennis Sheehy, Chair, Wildlife Committee, Oregon Cattlemen's Association
01:38:04 Jake Seavert, Union County Commissioner; member, Wolf Committee, Union County; Union County Cattlemen's President; Vice-Chair, Animal Health and ID Committee, Oregon Cattlemen's Association
01:41:12 Mark Albertson, Lake County Commissioner
01:45:25 Dan Dorran, Umatilla County Commissioner
01:48:18 Skye Krebs, sheep and cattle rancher, Gilman, Wallowa County
01:50:18 Christina Witham, Baker County Commissioner; Co-Chair, Wolf Committee, Baker County; Vice-Chair, Association of Oregon Counties, District 1
01:53:07 Chris Cunningham, rancher and farmer, Wallowa County
01:55:46 Lauren Kuenzi, Oregon Farm Bureau
01:57:25 Meeting Adjourned