



February 10, 2025

To Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire

From: Oregon Association of Conservation Districts

Re: **Support SB 777, Wolf Damage Compensation**

Chairs Golden and Committee Members,

The Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD) represents Oregon's 45 Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs), special districts governed by elected boards. The Districts protect and enhance soil quality, water quality and quantity, and habitat by supporting voluntary conservation in partnership with private landowners and managers as well as federal, state, and nonprofit partners.

OACD is writing in support of SB 777. We agree that assistance is needed to compensate livestock producers for loss of livestock due to wolves. It is important to both promote wildlife conservation and support our livestock operations; so we need to compensate for damage so that both of these important endeavors can co-exist.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea Kreiner".

Andrea Kreiner, Executive Director
Oregon Association of Conservation Districts