

3/5/2025 Attachment 2

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Dear Chairman Burtenshaw, Vice Chair Hart, and members of the Senate Resources and Environment Committee,

Living with Wolves appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 82.

Last year, we were in support of HB 592 and were encouraged to see funding allocated for conflict prevention measures benefiting livestock producers. We recognize the challenges ranchers face and appreciate those who have implemented conflict mitigation tools and strategies. For those who have still experienced depredations despite these efforts, we support the establishment of a state compensation program.

HB 82 builds upon these efforts by providing an additional avenue for livestock producers who have experienced possible depredations. We hope this initiative fosters greater understanding and cooperation, encouraging more producers to utilize conflict mitigation tools. By ensuring both preventive resources and fair compensation, this legislation represents a balanced approach that benefits both livestock producers and wildlife conservation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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