



# Oregon Cattlemen's Association

Voice of the Cattle Industry Since 1913

## 2022 Legislative Priorities

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### Needs and Risks of the Cattle Industry

**The ranching and livestock industry and workforce is unique.**

Caring for animals is a partnership, and everyone who depends on livestock for their income recognizes and is committed to around-the-clock care for their cows and calves. Those who work with livestock choose to do so because they love the animals, the lifestyle and the culture.

**The work schedule and the demands can be fluid requiring flexibility.**

To maintain qualified workers, producers often provide housing and other benefits to the ranch employees who live, work and raise their families in rural communities. Policy changes to the way in which ranchers pay their work force will have dramatic consequences to every ranch, the workforce, and all rural and frontier communities. A policy decision concerning overtime wages for agricultural workers will have dramatic consequences.

**OCA urges inclusion of a livestock exemption in HB 4002.**



### Wolf Compensation Fund

HB 4127 allocates much-needed resources to Oregon's Wolf Management Compensation program.

**The compensation program fosters co-existence.**

When wolves move into range and pastures, cows, sheep, llamas and alpacas grow anxious and stressed, lose weight and slow milk production.

**Keeping animals separate means costly constant vigilance, creativity, equipment and range riders.**

When a wolf pack preys on cows or sheep, even the loss of a single grown animal can cost a producer over \$1,000. The Wolf Management Compensation program provides

funding through grants to Oregon counties. Counties employ various tools to reduce wolf-livestock conflict. Counties have varying costs due to geography and needs. Local oversight ensures local issues are addressed in a timely and effective manner.

**OCA urges passage of HB 4127.**



### OCA Supports Funding for Oregon State University and Extension



**Science informs practices for Oregon's livestock producers.**

Research studies give much needed guidance to day-to-day functions including management, grazing practices and environmental stewardship. A well funded research and extension program returns many dividends to every Oregonian.

