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Representative Greg Barreto Praises Signing Of Wolf Management Bill

Salem, OR – Governor Kate Brown today signed into law HB 4040, which reaffirms the decision of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission to delist the Gray Wolf from the list of endangered species and provides a reasonable approach to wolf management. The bill was a top priority for Representative Greg Barreto and Oregon's agriculture and natural resource industries.

"I'm very pleased that Governor Brown stood up to pressure from outside organizations and approved this legislation," said Rep. Barreto. "HB 4040, which received bipartisan support in both chambers of the Legislature, reinforces the ODF&W's decision and represents a commonsense approach to managing Oregon's growing wolf population. After years of negotiation and compromise, I'm pleased to see progress on this issue."

Gray wolves (*Canis lupus*) were reintroduced in the continental United States in the mid-1990s with the capture of wolves in Canada and their release in central Idaho and Yellowstone National Park. Since that time, wolves have migrated into northeastern Oregon, as well as Jackson, Klamath and Lake Counties. The first documented wolf pups born in Oregon occurred in 2008.

The gray wolf was listed under the Oregon Endangered Species Act until November 10, 2015 when the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission voted to delist the wolf. HB 4040-A simply ratifies and approves the decision to remove *Canis lupus* from the state list of threatened and endangered species. Wolves will remain protected under federal regulations in certain areas of the state.

HB 4040, having included an emergency clause, will become effective immediately.

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