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Please share my comments with the committee.

While I support the intent of HB 4735, I have the following concerns.

There is an ongoing predator prey study in the Upper Peninsula, funded in part through the Michigan DNR <https://www.fwrc.msstate.edu/carnivore/predatorprey/index.asp>

As part of this study, wolves, coyotes, bobcat, bear are tagged and monitored. In addition, deer are also tagged. In addition, wolves are captured and fitted with radio collars as part of Michigan DNR monitoring program as required by the Michigan Wolf Management Plan. Each of the collared animals provide valuable information for research including territory, diet, dispersal and health. During the 2013 wolf hunt, several research animals were killed.

HB 4735 places a high value on elk and moose, yet for deer, bear, turkey and wolf, the penalty for violation is only \$200-\$1000. There is no penalty for coyote or bobcat.

For violating this section of law, please consider including coyote and bobcat and increasing the penalty for deer, bear, turkey, wolf and elk to that of the moose so that the penalties for all species is consistent. Legislators must send the message that Michigan residents value our wildlife.

Thank you,
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