



COUNTY OF SISKIYOU

Board of Supervisors

1312 Fairlane Rd, Suite 1
Yreka, California 96097
www.co.siskiyou.ca.us

(530) 842-8005
FAX (530) 842-8013
Toll Free: 1-888-854-2000, ext. 8005

May 19, 2026

Via Electronic Mail Only

The Honorable Heather Hadwick
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 5710
Sacramento, CA 95814
teporaca.roadrunner@asm.ca.gov

Subject: Support for AB 1722 – California Endangered Species Act: Take Prohibition: Self-Defense

Dear Assemblymember Hadwick,

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors writes in support of Assembly Bill 1722, as amended, which would protect individuals from civil, administrative, and criminal liability when using necessary and reasonable force to defend themselves from an animal protected under the California Endangered Species Act.

Due to Siskiyou County's rural and ecologically diverse landscape, county residents, ranchers, and recreationists regularly encounter wildlife, some of which are protected species. As a result, Siskiyou County supports additional protections for individuals who may need to respond to dangerous wildlife situations.

AB 1722 provides important clarification in state law and recognizes the realities faced by rural communities throughout California. The Board appreciates your leadership on this issue and your efforts to address public safety concerns affecting those who coexist with listed species.

For these reasons, the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors respectfully supports AB 1722.

Sincerely,

Ray A. Haupt
Chair, Board of Supervisors

CC: Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors
Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange
Assemblymember Heather Hadwick
Senator Megan Dahle
Rural County Representatives of California