

Sirs/Mss: SB 723 is so poorly authored, that if written into law as stands could be construed to proscribe in Oregon the long tradition of bird-dog training and field trialing. This sport is pursued by many hunters in the off season and trainers years around. The results of field trial competitions inform breeders so as to identify the best dogs for breeding prospects and thus advance the quality of hunting dog breeds.

Having read the polemic around it from animal rights activists, it seems to be targetting Coyote Derbies. It will not end Coyote hunting, for which there is no defined season - always open 24/7. Moreover, the types who participate in those Derbies, would most likely continue to do so privately, rather than publically. Apprehending and prosecuting them would divert valuable resources away from ODFW's larger and far more important mission of wildlife management.

Finally, there is significant commerce surrounding the bird-dog field trial sport. Were it to be discontinued in Oregon, trials would move to neighboring states. State of Oregon would loose out in event fees. Business losses would be in the travel industry, feed and seed providers and perhaps veterinary practices.

Again, I urge you to dismiss this bill. Thank you for considering my opinion.

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