

Good morning. I am a long time Prineville resident and spent much of my childhood and my adult life on the ranches and public lands of Eastern Oregon.

SB 723 is an attack on the hunting tradition so many Oregonian's hold dear, outside of the State's major urban centers. While those Oregonian's that have never spent time outside of our cities may think coyotes, cougars and wolves are cute and defenseless animals but the reality is quite different. Our rural residents see devastation caused by predators to fawns, calf elk and livestock across our State.

Just a few short weeks ago, a coyote murdered a fawn at my brothers home in Spray, OR. The murder of the defenseless baby deer took place in an actively used horse pasture no more than 100 yards from my brothers bedroom window. A year ago a cougar took a cat outside of my friends front yard in the Barne's Butte estates outside of Prineville. Coyote's are constantly killing cats and chickens in the same location.

Please do not add one more law, that makes one more tradition a crime... There is no public harm in holding these events.

Best Regards,  
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Concerned Citizen of Crook County