

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

I'm an Oregon resident and I urge you to support SB 723-2.

Coyote killing contests are wrong. Science doesn't support the practice and public opinion doesn't either. Killing coyotes does not reduce livestock predation or result in higher game animal populations. Counter to human expectations, nature reacts in the opposite way, and coyote populations actually increase their numbers and their range. Public opinion is also firmly opposed to these practices. We are better than this. Responsible Oregonians are deeply offended by the practice of killing animals for sport, entertainment, or bragging rights. Killing contests are out of step with our times, our sensibilities, and our wildlife management needs.

Please stop these contests and support SB 723-2

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