

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee Members:

I am a concerned Oregon resident, and I ask and urge that you please support SB 723-2 to ban coyote killing contests in our state . These types of killing contests are cruel and do not represent the values of Oregonians who want to protect our wildlife from these senseless types of killings! Please, I urge you to support and Ban Killing Contests such as these that are merely for entertainment purposes and cash prizes! These do not reflect what Oregonians believe in and should not represent Oregon in this manner. I for one would be ashamed to be an Oregonian that would allow these types of cruelty, killing for the sake of killing of our wildlife in contests such as these.

Important points to note:

- Coyote killing contests are completely at odds with ethical, fair-chase hunting; even Oregon's own Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair, Mike Finley, has publicly condemned these events.
- Studies show that the indiscriminate killing of native carnivores like coyotes will not protect livestock, and will not increase game species. It can even lead to an increase in coyote numbers by disrupting stable family packs, causing more reproduction.
- Recent polling of Oregon voters have found that a solid majority support an end to cruel, unsporting, and ineffective coyote killing contests, and recognize the important role of coyotes in Oregon's ecosystem.

Thank you and let's make Oregon value and protect the lives of our wildlife!
A concerned Oregonian,
Erin Goetz