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Testimony of Humane Voters Oregon on SB 723-2
Senate Committee on Judiciary

February 28, 2019

Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher and members of the Committee:

Humane Voters Oregon (previously known as Humane Oregon) is a nonprofit organization that works in Oregon's political process and elections to promote humane treatment of animals. We have board members from several organizations within the animal welfare community but are not affiliated with any other state or national organization.

Humane Voters Oregon supports passage of SB 723 with the -2 amendments. We previously joined with several other conservation and animal welfare groups in a joint statement in support of the bill and now submit these brief additional comments.

Coyote killing contests are inconsistent with generally accepted views of ethical hunting. By making it a game to kill as many animals as possible, they show a lack of appreciation and respect for wildlife, and they glorify killing for the sake of killing. Finally, as explained in our joint submittal and the testimony of Prof. Robert Wielgus, they are not an effective way to manage coyote populations for the benefit of livestock and other wildlife, primarily because they simply trigger compensatory breeding.

Thank you for considering our comments.

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