

Dear Committee Members,

As a resident of Bend, Oregon, I strongly support SB 723, which would eliminate the cruel blood sport of killing coyotes for prizes and thrills. Coyotes play an important part in the ecology of our land by reducing the numbers of rodents and rabbits. These arbitrary attacks on them is senseless violence. The contests frequently injure and orphan animals and for what reason? It also endangers non-target species, such as wolves. It should also be noted that scientific research does not support claims that the coyote populations are reduced by these killing sprees or that they increase the population of game animals. Finally, in a recent poll, the majority of Oregon voters oppose these killing contests.

Please support SB 723 and eliminate these cruel animal killing contests in our State.

Sincerely,

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