

Please send SB 723 B to the House floor for a vote.

Coyote killing contests are terrifying on so many levels.

ATVs are used to chase the animals down. Dozens of people are shooting at the animals in a specific area at the same time. Oregon's protected wolves can easily be mistaken for the intended target in the frenzy of killing for prizes. The attitude of the shooters is shameful, with laughing and joking about "gut killing" and removing mothers while they are still nursing. Removing alpha pairs from packs and from many packs causes disruptions that include increased breeding.

Massive depletion of population does not cause increased numbers of deer and other game, does not prevent livestock predation, as participants and sponsors say they do.

These massive killings can increase livestock predation. In Oregon, killing should not be a game and such games are not responsible stewardship of wildlife.

Many hunters find these killing contests deplorable and fault such activities as painting all hunting as barbaric.

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