

My organization and many others are in complete support of SB723, now we need you to vote in support of this humane legislation.

The Oregon legislature now has the ability to decide **between life and death for coyotes**, at the hands of a cruel and wasteful practice designed to reward people for indiscriminately killing as many coyotes as possible.

- Oregon has a history of drawing the line at unfair and inhumane practices that are out of step with our humane values. **Coyote killing contests are completely at odds with ethical, fair-chase hunting.**
- **SB 723 is not an urban vs. rural issue.** This is about the state of Oregon, and how Oregonians value and treat the public's wildlife. We can value hunting as a tradition and establish restrictions on practices that are wasteful, cruel, and unsporting.
- Oregon's wildlife, including coyotes, **belong to all of us**, including the majority of Oregonians who are non-hunters.
- A recent public opinion poll commissioned by Remington Research Group indicated a **strong majority of Oregonians support legislation to ban coyote killing contests, across all five Congressional districts.**
- 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.
- There is nothing in SB 723 that would prevent lethal action for conflicts with coyotes or reducing year-round hunting seasons for coyotes or their unlimited bag limits.
- Oregon should follow in New Mexico's humane footsteps by being the next state in the West to ban coyote killing contests.

Please support and then pass SB 723. Thank you.

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