

Dear House Rules committee --

I live in Baker County, eastern Oregon. I am NOT on the west side and I am really tired of the constant harping on the East-West divide narrative which is false. There is diversity on both sides of the Cascades.

Once again, I live, work, contribute taxes, volunteer my time in Baker County. I live here, not on the west side and I am writing in support of this bill to ban coyote killing contests as is and WITHOUT the proposed amendment presented by Representative Greg Smith to permit coyote killing contests for non-profits etc.

Seriously???? What is it that makes passing a rule that respects wildlife that we ALL benefit from so hard to get onto the house floor and get a vote? Coyotes help keep rodents under control, a big problem for agriculture, and a stable coyote pack can reduce problems for livestock owners (See attached papers). I don't know who Rep. Smith is representing but it is clearly some small minority on this issue.

Please, let's get this bill to the floor and passed without the bizarre amendment which does not help teach our young people about the value of all wildlife and true hunting ethics. I am but one of many people on the east side in rural Oregon who want an end to coyote killing contests and a bill without loopholes.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Fouty