

Good day,

I am urging your support for HB 4075.

There are many resources for investigating what Coyote killing contests are, and it is clear that all show a violation ethical fair-chase hunting, are out of step with modern, and science-based wildlife management. Having lived in Port Orford, Roseburg, La Grand, Lake Oswego, and Redmond Oregon there's been a diverse opportunity to observe Oregonians, and my opinion is that killing contests do not reflect the humane values of Oregonians. The communities I have lived in did not reflect cruel and callous regard for any living thing, nor did involve themselves in anything less than good sportsmanship, good stewardship, and respect for the public's wildlife. The portion of our state's population that is involved in killing contests is, but the effect is big, unacceptable, and needs to be stopped.

Hunting advocates—such as retired Montana wildlife biologist Jim Posewitz, author of *Beyond Fair Chase*—agree that killing for prizes violates the hunter's fair chase code and is therefore unsporting. Furthermore, despite claims to the contrary, science shows that killing contests do not reduce the coyote population and do not protect livestock or wildlife from depredation, but rather this practice throws off the ecosystem. Humane methods to protect livestock—including sound husbandry practices and the use of strobe lights and bells—have proven effective, however.

Please support ethical hunting, and science based management of wildlife.

Respectfully,
Valoree Hummel