

I am writing to ask for your support for HB 4075, to ban coyote killing contests in Oregon.

These coyote killing contests violate the ethics of fair chase hunting, are out of step with modern, science-based wildlife management, and do not reflect the humane values of Oregonians. Not only cruel and callous, they also send a message of disregard rather than of sportsmanship, good stewardship, and respect for the public's wildlife.

California, Vermont, New Mexico, Arizona, and Massachusetts have now banned these gruesome contests. Oregon should join them.

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