

Dear,

I'm an Oregon resident and I respectfully urge you to vote YES on HB 4075 to prohibit coyote killing contests in the state. Oregon state lawmakers should join public officials and wildlife agencies in New Mexico, Arizona, Massachusetts, California, and Vermont who have already banned wildlife and/or coyote killing contests.

During these horrific events, participants compete to kill the greatest number or the largest coyotes for prizes or bragging rights. Wildlife killing contests are cruel and senseless, counterproductive to sound wildlife management, and antithetical to traditional hunting ethics, jeopardizing the future of hunting in general.

Killing contests are a bloodsport like dogfighting and cockfighting. Killing coyotes for thrills and prizes—with no respect for their intrinsic or ecological value—is senseless violence and waste.

Killing contests damage the reputation of responsible hunters by violating fundamental hunting ethics. Countless animals are injured or orphaned during killing contests. The events put non-target species (including imperiled wolves) at risk.

This bill is not a ban on hunting and does not impact other laws. It is a way to respect and honor Beings that are part of our world and the web of all life. Please support it. Pass it.

Sincerely,
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