

Dear Senate Rules Committee Members:

This is just about killing CONTESTS, not the random hunting of coyotes or other predators. Oregon's wildlife is supposed to be managed under the public trust doctrine, which holds that wildlife is managed for the benefit of all Oregonians, and it is unethical and cruel to wantonly kill wildlife as part of a blood contest.

Science has proven over and over that killing coyotes increases conflict with livestock, as their reproductive rate increases in response. This makes killing contests counterproductive to hunters' stated goals of protecting livestock -- but I don't believe that that *is* their goal, i just think it's an excuse for them to have some "fun."

In reality, HB 4075A is good for farmers, good for hunters, and good for wildlife, and it's perfectly aligned with Oregon's values, the best available science, and broad public support.

Please vote to ban this barbaric practice. How many coyotes would Jesus kill?

Thank you for your consideration,  
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