

HB 2728 is a matter of ethics and ethical hunting of Oregon's wildlife. These contests are cruel and a far cry from Oregon's conservation centered values. Numerous studies, including those cited in Oregon Small Farm News, an extension of the Oregon State University, underscore that science does not support indiscriminate, large-scale, mass killing of coyotes as an effective means of reducing coyote populations, minimizing conflicts with pets or livestock, or increasing numbers of game species. It can even lead to an increase in coyote numbers by disrupting stable family packs and increasing their rate of reproduction. As an Oregonian of 14 years with degrees in environmental sustainability and community health who is married to a family of lifelong hunters and conservationists, I ask that you support HB 2728 to prohibit coyote killing contests in Oregon. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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