

Wildlife killing contests, in this case coyote killing contests, in Oregon must be outlawed. Oregon's wildlife is supposed to be managed for ALL Oregonians, not just the ranchers or Bubba and his buddies. To allow persons to wantonly kill wildlife is disgusting and aberrant. HB 2728 is good for farmers, good for ethical hunters, and good for wildlife. It has been proven that randomly killing coyotes increases conflict with livestock. It also has clearly damaging effects on other populations of wildlife. In other words, the more we mess around with wildlife and the environment, the more damage occurs. This should be obvious to any thinking person. These contests also cast Oregon's ethical hunters in a bad light. HB 2728 is legislation that is aligned with Oregon's values, the best available science, and broad public support.