

I was appalled to learn a few months ago of such bloody inhumane, irreverent contest events killing our coyotes here in Oregon. Our wildlife is managed for all Oregonians. It is a grave violation of the State's duty to allow a small minority of individuals to wantonly kill Oregon's wildlife, a public resource, as part of a cruel contest. Coming from a family of ethical hunters, I know these contests cast Oregon's ethical hunters in a bad light, and legitimize, fuel and reward those who are not. HB 2728 is legislation that is perfectly aligned with Oregon's values--my values--and broad public support. HB 2728 is good for farmers, hunters, and wildlife. I implore you to remove such irresponsible ugliness from our experience of being Oregonians who care about and respect our glorious natural lands and wildlife.