

I urge you to support HB 2728 to prohibit coyote killing contests in Oregon. Oregon's wildlife is managed for all Oregonians, and it is a grave violation of the state's duty to allow individuals to wantonly kill Oregon's wildlife, a public resource, as part of a cruel blood contest. HB 2728 is good for farmers, good for hunters, and good for wildlife. Science proves that randomly killing coyotes increases conflict with livestock, and these contests cast Oregon's ethical hunters in a bad light. HB 2728 is legislation that is perfectly aligned with Oregon's values, the best available science, and broad public support. These contests are cruel, and coyotes, like all wildlife, serve an important purpose in Oregon's overall ecosystem. This is an egregious violation of good stewardship and respect for the public's wildlife population. The majority of Oregonians support this bill, and I ask you to please support it as well. Thank you for your consideration.