

I am writing in support of HB 2728. On a personal level, I truly love coyotes. I've met them up close and personal, and even though they are smaller than wolves that majestic wildness and intelligence is still there in their eyes. I especially love to hear them howl at night, though I hardly ever do anymore.

From a community and environmental perspective we need coyotes. They have their own important niche in the scheme of things.

But more than anything else, making a fun sport out of slaughtering them and then taking macho photos with piles of dead coyotes is sick. It is celebrating the ugliest, basest, most barbaric impulses humans can experience. I've read that there are even categories and prizes for kids, teaching them to give full rein to their basest whims. And as an old native Oregonian, it most certainly is not my idea of a kind, intelligent, civilized Oregon.

Thank you.