

I am the President of a non-profit, Coalition Advocating for Animals. I am asking all members of the committee to support HB2728. 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. These contests are despicable and gruesome. This is something ignorant pioneers did in the 1800's, not science educated people in 2021. 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.