

Hello!

I am a proud Oregonian and a registered voter. While maintaining my 30-year career as a banker, I am working on a Masters degree in conservation biology. Through the classes I've completed, I believe there are numerous problems with killing contests. First and foremost, I think removing any element of the environment has trickle down impacts. In this case, killing coyotes removes a predator and throws the ecosystem out of balance. This is dangerous because we don't know what could result. In addition, coyote biology reacts differently than might seem logical. These contests actually result in increased numbers rather than fewer.

In addition to the science-based reasons cited above, I also think that killing contests are out of synch with most Oregonian's conservation centered values. A strong majority support this legislation according to a recent poll.

Please represent all Oregonians rather than special interests. Support this measure to prohibit coyote killing contests.

Thank you!