

I support HB2728! Coyote killing contests for cash and prizes are inhumane, savage, gruesome, and unethical. Terrorizing, maiming, and killing these animals is not sportsmanship. It is bloodlust. At worst, studies have shown that coyote killing contests reveal abnormal psychology in those who enjoy torturing and killing animals. Oregon is better than this!

It is important to know that coyotes are valuable to the environment in that they control gophers, rats, mice, voles, and other vermin. Human encroachment and habitat loss have driven coyotes into areas making them vulnerable to remorseless behavior from humans. It is time for Oregon to join Washington, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Massachusetts, and Vermont in banning wildlife/coyote killing contests.

Thank you.