

Dear House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Members,

I write to urge you to support the passage of HB 2728, which will prohibit coyote killing contests. I was raised in western South Dakota, so I am no stranger to ranching and the overall hunting mentality (even though I do not hunt as I see no need for it, either to feed my family or as a sport). Prohibiting coyote killing as a contest has nothing to do with rural-urban issues, and nothing to do with party politics. Such contests having nothing to do with true sportsmanship, with responsible hunting of game animals, or with livestock protection. It is simply a twisted and long outdated mode of thought and action, and Oregon really has no need for such a practice. Please support HB 2728 this session: it is most urgently needed for our state.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

- Brian Belet