

Dear Committee Members,

Please support an end to gruesome coyote killing contests. 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. Science proves that randomly killing coyotes increases conflict with livestock, and these contests cast Oregon's ethical hunters in a bad light. This is not an east vs. west issue, polls show that the majority of Oregonians oppose these contents IN EVERY COUNTY OF THE STATE.

Thank you for passing this bill out of committee.

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