

HB 2728 has bi-partisan legislative support and is perfectly aligned with Oregon's values, the best available science, and broad public support.

Neighboring states of Washington and California have already banned these unethical and irresponsible contests. It's time for Oregon to do the same.

This issue is not about the urban-rural divide. Oregon's wildlife is managed in trust 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.

Coyote killing contests violate the spirit and tenets of responsible stewardship, ethical sportsmanship, and respect for the public's wildlife.

Science proves that randomly killing coyotes can increase conflicts with livestock and even increase coyote numbers. These events also cast Oregon's ethical hunters in a bad light.

In the last year, more than 500 coyotes have been cruelly and indiscriminately killed in coyote killing contests in Oregon. In fact, in January 2021, more than 272 coyotes were gruesomely and irresponsibly killed in a two-day killing contest that occurred in Southeast Oregon.

In short, HB 2728 is good for farmers, good for hunters, and good for wildlife.