

I am an Oregon resident and I am writing to encourage you to support HB 2728 which prohibits coyote killing contests in Oregon.

These contests allow for easy kills by luring coyotes into the open using technology, often recordings of young coyotes pups in distress, where the sole purpose is to kill as many coyotes as possible for cash and prizes.

Oregon prides itself on being a state that has a deep respect for our natural environment and values wildlife. These contests are not motivated by science or conservation, only by financial rewards. They are not only a cruel method of killing wild animals, but also send the wrong message to the next generation—one of disregard for wildlife rather than of sportsmanship, good stewardship, and respect for our wildlife. I could not imagine stray dogs or feral cats being treated in this way without a public uproar.

I am urging Oregon state lawmakers to follow in the footsteps of Washington, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Massachusetts, California, and Vermont who have already banned wildlife/coyote killing contests by passing HB 2728.

Thank you for your consideration!

Best,

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