

Chairman Witt and committee members

I am writing to voice my opposition to HB 2728

Predator control is a necessary part of wildlife management, various methods are used to reduce predator numbers to maintain a balance between predator and prey.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife manage wildlife using scientific data and set seasons and bag limits accordingly.

To use legislation to manage wildlife is just wrong.

Many kinds of management tools are used to manage wildlife and a coyote hunting contest is such a tool, prizes offered during the hunt give insensitive participants to help in the management process.

We need to leave wildlife management decisions to people who are trained and hired to use scientific data to make recommendations. We do not need political groups or misinformed people try to push their agenda.

Therefore I strongly oppose HB2728 and urge it be withdrawn from consideration.