

Re: SB723

As currently submitted, this bill would prohibit field trials and hunt tests used to evaluate pointing dogs and retrievers which are at the very core of upland bird and waterfowl hunting. Oregon is blessed with outstanding upland bird hunting and waterfowl. Good hunters use dogs. Dogs need to be trained and evaluated. Please do not make this more difficult!

Hunt tests and field trials' purpose is to encourage and promote the training of field dogs that when used properly prevent the waste of game and promote healthy outdoor activities that many Oregonians cherish.

Hunt tests and field trials also have an objective to evaluate sporting dogs for breeding purposes to always produce a better dog. They have been very effective at this and are integral to upland and waterfowl hunting.

I believe the intent of this bill is to stop the wanton and wasteful slaughter of wildlife for the sake of killing alone ... particularly coyote hunting contests which many urbanites (and some sportsmen, including me) abhor.

However, the bill is not written that way, and it needs to be amended to meet this objective.

As such, please consider the amendment submitted by Senator DEMBROW. I can support that. I cannot support the bill unless amended in this manner.

Thank you for your consideration.

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