

Oregon Senate Bill 723 Revised

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to request your opposition to Senate Bill 723. Coyote hunting contests are a tool that is used by various organizations to regulate the predator's numbers in the state of Oregon. I myself spend countless hours in the desert in the winter months when coyotes are the most active. I have had my personal dogs attacked by coyotes, I have witnessed coyotes chasing my dogs, I have found numerous carcasses of dead deer that were killed and eaten by coyotes and I have seen the winter herds of deer and antelope suffer due to coyote predation. Coyotes now can be observed hunting in packs and have the ability to bring down larger game such as small cattle and larger mule deer and antelope that otherwise may be able to fend them off. Coyotes have no known predator other than man and unless controlled their numbers will get out of control and the desert wildlife they prey on that we all enjoy so much will be gone forever.

I encourage you to stop to this bill and a stop to people developing bills like this with no real knowledge of the subject matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jess Spradley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Jess Spradley

Lakeview, Oregon resident.

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