

I want to encourage you strongly to support SB 723-2 to prohibit coyote killing contest in Oregon.

I hope that you will examine the scientific evidence you have received explaining how the indiscriminately killing of coyotes fails to help with human/coyote conflict.

I believe that these contests are completely out of step with Oregonians' humane values, potentially harming children especially in their development of appreciation of the balance of life in nature. I was struck by a comment made by Mike Finley (chair of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission) in which he described predator-killing derbies "stomach-turning examples of wanton waste." This is simply not what we want to happen in Oregon!

Thank you,

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