

Judiciary Committee Members,

I live on a small farm that borders pear orchards in the rural Rogue valley. I have seen coyotes hunting rodents there and am amazed at their skill and cheer their success. Rat populations in the orchards are problematic and concerning. I sincerely hope the committee will vote for the SB 723-2, to end the coyote killing contests. Coyotes occupy a place in the ecosystem that is important to maintain. Humans could learn from them in terms of their adaptability to a changing environment.

As a member of an old ranching Oregon family, that originally settled 1000 acres near Cove, after a treacherous passage along the Oregon Trail, I was taught that living in harmony with the natural environment was instrumental in the optimal survival of all concerned. It is my hope that that by passing SB 723-2 Oregon will be taking the lead in doing so.

Thank you  
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