

Dear Senator Bentz,

I understand that SB 723 will go before the Rules Committee on Monday 5/20. Senator Bentz, I urge you to tell the Senate leadership to bring SB 723 to the floor for a vote and I urge you to support SB 723.

I live in rural eastern Oregon. I find these kinds of contests brutal. They do not reflect most Oregonians's values. They do not reduce livestock conflicts, they do not decrease numbers but instead increase conflicts by creating a vacuum that results in other coyotes moving in or in increased births. They are also counterproductive as they reduce a key control on ground squirrels. These hunts do not reflect a quality hunting experience and use high tech equipment to kill for pleasure. We are better than this.

Please urge Senate leadership to bring this bill to the floor for a vote. Holding things up in committee just wastes your time and our taxpayer dollars. Do not let a small constituent hold Oregon wildlife and the rest of us hostage. Coyotes deserve our respect as does all life. End coyote killing contests in Oregon.

Please act boldly. Let's get this voted on.

Sincerely,

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