

animal wellness action

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Dear Chair Ginny Burdick and Members of the Senate Rules Committee,

My name is Emily AhYou and I am the State Director for the animal protection group Animal Wellness Action. We champion causes that alleviate the suffering of companion animals, farm animals, and wildlife by enacting good public policy, good laws, and supporting animal friendly lawmakers. I am also a founding member of the political action committee Humane Voters Oregon. I am a volunteer for both of these positions.

I am one of many people that have worked hard this session on Senate Bill 723 to ban coyote killing contests in Oregon. I've made the trip to Salem several times and attended the town hall held by Senator Burdick and Senator Rob Wagner in Multnomah Village a few weeks ago to promote the bill.

I'm very grateful that this hearing is being held today with the hope that SB 723 moves to the Senate floor. This bill has bi-partisan support and I'm confident it will pass if it moves forward.

It's so important that this bill passes this session in order to prevent another mass slaughter of coyotes simply for the purpose of entertaining a small group of people that enjoy this type of thing.

The vast majority of Oregonians view these killing contests as wasteful, unsportsmanlike, and morally unacceptable. Other states are in the process of banning them too. The time is now to put an end to these contests.

Respectfully,

Emily AhYou

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