



## OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

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### **Vote No on SB 723 B**

The Oregon Hunters Association a 11,000-member organization is opposed to SB 723 B for these reasons:

- OHA believes the opinion of Legislative Counsel (3/19/2019) raises serious doubts about the constitutionality of SB 723 B. We firmly believe the current bill violates our First Amendment rights to free speech and freedom of association.
- There is no "MASS KILLING". OHA has historically held very low key "coyote contests" at the chapter level in places like Lakeview, Klamath Falls, etc. These are Members Only contests. The contests run all year long.
- Members bring a coyote pelt to a monthly chapter meeting and get a raffle ticket. At the end of the year, during a chapter holiday party, one raffle ticket is picked as a winner.
- Coyotes take young fawns, elk and antelope calves, and sage grouse. The truth is hunting coyotes protects domestic livestock and other wildlife and is legal year-round.

SB723 does not achieve a compelling state interest. Essentially it bans an association sponsored raffle contest.

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