

Dear Honorable Committee Members,

Please vote YES on HB 4075 to end cruel and unnecessary coyote killing contests in our state. Oregon should join the states which have ended these barbaric contests where hunters win guns for needlessly killing in unsporting practices that do nothing to reduce coyote conflicts.

I am a retired clinical social worker, and I know that encouraging people to kill for prizes and fun, as opposed to more sportsmanlike hunting of prey animals like deer, devalues life and is bad for the psyche of the humans doing the needless killing. Killing for food is one thing, killing more conscious and social animals that survive as a pack, is another.

These contests are totally unnecessary and an awful idea

Please pass this bill.

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