

My students and I developed and maintain the Portland Urban Coyote Project [<https://www.portlandcoyote.com/>], an effort to learn more about coyotes in our city, and to educate the public about this extraordinary animal.

What we know about coyotes is that they are social, smart, and resilient, adaptable to diverse environments and diets, and able to withstand--in fact expand in the face of--more than a century of persistent and expensive efforts to control them.

So in addition to being inhumane and immoral, the coyote-killing games that HB 4075 seeks to stop only serve to increase coyote numbers (compensatory breeding).

Please support this legislation and add Oregon to the growing list of states that see these contests as the atrocity that they are.

Thank you.

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