

Senate Rules Committee:

Please, please, please end these cruel and wasteful coyote-killing contests that reward people for indiscriminately killing as many coyotes as possible. Is this what our lovely state of Oregon stands for? As a resident, I find it appalling, and I truly hope this cruel era can be put behind us.

Oregon's wildlife is managed under the public trust doctrine, which holds that wildlife is managed for the benefit of all Oregonians, and it is unethical and cruel to wantonly kill wildlife as part of a blood contest.

In addition, science proves that randomly killing coyotes increases conflict with livestock, which makes killing contests counterproductive to hunters' state goals of protecting livestock.

HB 4075A is good for farmers, good for hunters, and good for wildlife. This legislation is perfectly aligned with Oregon's values, the best available science, and broad public support.

Please join the side of reason and compassion and pass this bill.

Thank you.
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