

I am a rural resident of Baker County with a hunting license, and I wholeheartedly support HB 4075A. Oregon's wildlife is managed under the public trust doctrine, which holds that our state's wildlife should be managed for the benefit of all Oregonians. I believe it is unethical & cruel to wantonly kill wildlife as part of a blood contest, particularly when the animals are not killed for meat or any other purpose. Science proves that randomly killing coyotes increases conflict with livestock, and therefore serves no management purpose. Hunting contests misrepresent Oregon's hunting history and culture, and cast all hunters in a bad light when the majority are concerned with ethical, sustainable harvest.

HB 4075A is good for farmers, good for hunters, and good for wildlife. HB 4075A is legislation that is perfectly aligned with Oregon's values, the best available science, and broad public support. Please ensure that HB 4075A becomes law for the benefit of wildlife, as well as for rural, urban and suburban Oregonians alike.

Sincerely,
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