

Dear Senators,

I urge you to pass out of committee HB 4075A, which bans killing contests. Oregon likes to consider itself a progressive state, free of the mire of excessive ideological polarization. Notwithstanding, there are pockets of 19<sup>th</sup> Century thinking in the state. As a rural resident who keeps livestock I find it silly that some people think killing is the solution to dealing with predators. They are important to healthy ecosystems, which I and most of my neighbors value. Moreover, making a contest out of killing animals reflects badly on us, not those we kill. Time to bring Oregon into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Sincerely,  
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