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- 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.
- 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.
- HB 4075A is legislation that is perfectly aligned with Oregon's values, the best available science, and broad public support.

Not many of the people in rural Oregon think this is a sporting moral thing. My family and those others that I have talked to in Coos Bay think it is barbaric.. They always try to play the rural/urban divide game. But having lived in the rural west for over 40 years, I can tell you this is flat out not the case. Many rural residents abhor killing contests.

Proponents like to say that killing contests are about livestock protection, but they're not. The opposite is true. The coyote-killing contests are causing the very problem they claim to be solving! Here's why: It is well known that coyotes respond to attempts to exterminate them by increasing their pup breeding rate.

Proponents also conveniently ignore that no one is telling them they can't legally hunt coyotes or kill coyotes on their own property. Tragically, you can still kill coyotes 365 days a year in Oregon. HB 4075A only bans coyote-killing contests.

What makes coyote-killing contests so deplorable is that they're essentially about the wanton killing of wildlife for no good reason. They're about the slaughter of a native species for fun. So all those who attend coyote-killing contests are doing is participating in cruelty and killing that simultaneously ensures there will be even more coyotes to kill the next breeding season.

When we lived in Klamath Falls they poisoned most of the coyotes and then we had terrible problems with rats, mice and vermin. Please stop this unhealthy and scientifically flawed practice.

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