

To the Senate Rules Committee:

Please end these cruel and wasteful contests that reward people for indiscriminately killing as many coyotes as possible. It is a barbaric way of living with our wild environment. We no longer need to fear and have domain over coyotes. We need coyotes to keep other critters in check.

Because 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.

There is Science that proves that randomly killing coyotes increases conflict with livestock. This 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.

Other States such as New Mexico, Arizona, California, and Vermont have also passed this type of legislation.

Thank you for this opportunity to be heard. Wildlife is so important to our humanity .

With respect!

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"When we know ourselves to be connected to ALL others, then acting compassionately is simply the natural thing to do." Anonymous