

Dear Honorable Committee Members,

PLEASE PASS HB 2728; VOTE YES!. It is finally time to pass it and join the other enlightened and civilized states. These coyote killing contests make hunting look barbaric and cruel and wasteful. Killing to waste our wildlife is not sportsmanlike, and just glorifies wonton killing. It does nothing to solve problems ranchers or farmers may have with coyotes for long. In fact science has proven that coyotes self regulate and will quickly fill in areas vacated, often with more coyotes than before. These contests serve no purpose other than to provide fun for those who enjoy wonton killing, and to make money for the company putting on the contest.

This bill does not curtail the rights of anyone to deal with coyotes on their own that might cause them problems. It just prohibits prizes for profit and for killing large numbers of coyotes.

The Statesman Journal has supported the ban , saying "Oregon doesn't need coyote-killing contests".
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