

I write to express my strong support for HB 2728, which prohibits coyote killing contests. The slaughter of wildlife for fun is an embarrassment to Oregon; it expresses an appalling disregard for the natural world and manifests a kind of mean spiritedness. I live with coyotes, who visit the land on which I live regularly. They are welcome neighbors who do not deserve Elmer Fudd shooting at them. Coyotes play an important role in the local ecosystem and across Oregon. It's long overdue for the legislature to act on this issue.

Thanks you.

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