

HB 2728 is a matter of ethics and ethical hunting of Oregon's wildlife.

None of the three main guidelines of FAIR CHASE are met in Killing Contests because Killing Contests need to be reclassified not as Hunting but as a BLOOD SPORT for the reasons below:

1. Is the Killing Humane...

Answer: NO!!! The animals are usually gut shot and left all day or several days to die. the participant is trying to shoot as many animals as quickly as possible in order to win prizes ( testimony of Carter Niemeyer , former Director Wildlife Services for Wyoming, Idaho, Colorado).

Fair chase demands that once wounded, the animal is to be tracked and killed quickly.

2. Does the animal have a reasonable chance of escape?

Answer: NO!! High powered weapons are used to kill from a distance. An AK-47 can shoot 630 yards . A football field is 120 yards long, so we can see that these animals can neither see nor smell their pursuer.

3. Is the killing Wanton?

Answer: Yes, the corpses of hundreds of killed animals, usually coyotes, are often stacked up like cordwood for display and then usually disposed of in dumpsters or simply left to rot. In most cases the pelts are not even collected because the animals are too shot up.

In fact, a recent poll by the Remington Research Group found that a strong majority of Oregonians, in all five congressional districts, support legislation to ban coyote killing contests. The Statesman-Journal also supports a ban.