

Dear Natural Resources Committee,

Please enact HB 2728, which will prohibit coyote killing contests.

This legislation fits Oregon's values, and the best available science. Both Washington and California have already banned these unethical and irresponsible contests. It's time for Oregon to do the same.

This issue is not about the urban-rural divide. Oregon's wildlife belongs to all Oregonians and it is wrong to allow cruel blood contests in today's world.

Science has shown that randomly killing coyotes is not an effective wildlife management practice. In addition, I am concerned that this unethical practice is how some of our youth are introduced to hunting and firearms.

Thank you for all your efforts,

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