

I urge you to pass HB 2728 to end coyote killing contests! How could anyone in good conscience still allow such barbaric contests to continue? Over 270 coyotes were recently slaughtered by individuals hoping to win prize money in Harney County this year. It is a grave violation of the state's duty to allow individuals to wantonly kill Oregon's wildlife, which is a public resource, I am a retired wildlife biologist and find it absurd and shameful that the state allows this practice to continue. If more of the general public were aware of these activities this practice would have ended long ago. These contests cast Oregon's ethical hunters in a bad light. Science has shown that randomly killing coyotes increases conflict with livestock. Please pass HB 2728, it's long overdue.