

To all Representatives,

I am asking all Representatives to please support House Bill 2728 and to forever ban coyote killing contests. Coyote killing contests are extremely cruel and backwards, and are extremely detrimental to environmental stewardship in our state. We need to have wildlife protected and rehabilitated and not allow people to indiscriminately kill coyotes and other wildlife. I love Oregon and I am proud to be an Oregon resident, but I am horrified that this is something that is still practiced in our state. We need to end the extermination of coyotes, and instead protect them and bring balance to our ecosystem. These horribly gruesome contests disrupt our ecosystem and are proven to cause more incidents with cattle and other farm animals, resulting in more predation. Coyotes play a key role in maintaining healthy ecosystems by keeping populations of mesocarnivores under control and thus contribute to biodiversity.

Contest participants were allowed to kill more than 272 coyotes last month and more than 500 last year in these horrific and gruesome killing contests. We need to end this horrible and useless practice and forever ban the indiscriminate killing of coyotes in these contests. I urge you to please support HB 2728 and to ban coyote killing contests in our state.

Thank you,
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