

Chair Witt and Members of the Committee:

I strongly urge the Committee to pass HB2728. Wildlife-killing contests are gruesome, inhumane, sadistic displays that glorify killing for the sake of killing.

Besides the heinous cruelty, coyote-killing contests are destructive to healthy ecosystems since coyotes help to control rabbit and rodent populations and restrict rodent- and tick-borne disease transmission. Moreover, indiscriminately killing coyotes disrupts stable pack structure, which leads to an increase in reproduction—not the opposite—as well as additional conflicts.

Seven states have banned wildlife and/or coyote-killing contests. It's time Oregon follows suit.

Thank you.