

If we take the time to imagine what it must be like as a coyote, to be constantly aware of the ever present dangers in nature while being targeted by humans who find it fun to torture and kill, who aim to tear apart families or erase them entirely, with technology allowing them to destroy even the wisest, most cautious of creatures, how could anyone not support this bill? Lest they be devoid of all empathy and decency.

Is an argument on the detrimental environment impact of killing contests, or the correlation between animal abuse and abuse of humans, even necessary? No, but they're also valid, making the resolution of this issue irrefutable: pass HB 2728.

It requires little empathy to understand that the wanton suffering of any creature is inherently wrong and ought to be ended. Coyotes are sensitive, intelligent, adept, remarkably devoted, family-oriented animals who play a vital role in the ecosystems they inhabit. Their lives have intrinsic value.

HB 2728 may not end all their strife, but it's a step in the right direction to end the meaningless agony they endure, just for existing. To move against this ban is to support senseless persecution; we're better than that Oregon.

Please support HB 2728.