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Please do not let HB2403 advance. It is a waste of money, advocates killing rather than other methods of control, and decimates our native species. The source of the paragraph below is from Predator Defense. It's shocking that this degree of carnage has been allowed to exist.

Wildlife Services is a highly controversial program within the USDA that carries out lethal predator control on public and private lands throughout the U.S., including in Oregon. They use cruel killing methods that include poisoning, trapping, snaring, aerial gunning, gassing, and paid hunters. In 2023 alone Wildlife Services killed 124,826 native animals in Oregon, including 237 bears, 2,664 coyotes, 114 mountain lions, and 80 red foxes, using methods including neck and leg snares, steel-jawed leghold traps, cage traps, and aerial gunning. In addition, 55 coyote and red fox dens, where young pups are kept, were gassed.