

Chairman Kruen,

My name is Jim Pojorlie from Grassy Butte and I would like to express my opposition to HB2211. Although I am a hunter myself, I question the public safety because there are hunters shooting high power rifles at night. The fundamentals of gun safety is identifying your target and knowing what is beyond your target and in the line of fire like machinery, buildings, pets, livestock and people. A dog will come to a coyote call out of curiosity. Like Stephanie Tucker testified that a fox was mistaken for a mountain lion. Can a night hunter using thermal imaging distinguish a border collie from a coyote? I am opposed to adding more animals to the list of furbearers for night hunting especially since there are no restrictions on the size of gun or lumens of artificial light. I hunted raccoons at night for many years and at the time was restricted to a 22 caliber rifle a 2 cell flashlight. I am also opposed to a longer season for night hunting coyotes. There is a hunter from our area that claims he has shot 400 coyotes this season alone. Can you imagine sitting around a bonfire on a summer night and a night hunter opens up on a coyote with an AR15 ½ mile away? Even though I am a hunter, I personally feel night hunting coyotes is unfair chase.

I would like to encourage all legislators to vote no on this bill to control night hunting before it gets out of control.

Thank you for your time,

Jim Pojorlie