

House File 503 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing counties to establish coyote bounty
2 programs.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 331.301, Code 2023, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 22. A county may establish a coyote bounty
4 program. A county that establishes a coyote bounty program
5 shall offer a ten-dollar bounty for a coyote lawfully taken
6 within the county.

7 Sec. 2. Section 331.401, subsection 3, Code 2023, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 3. The board shall not pay bounties on crows, rattlesnakes,
10 foxes, or wolves, other than but may pay bounties on coyotes
11 pursuant to section 331.301.

12 EXPLANATION

13 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
14 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

15 This bill authorizes counties to establish coyote bounty
16 programs. Current law prohibits a county board of supervisors
17 from paying a bounty on crows, rattlesnakes, foxes, or wolves,
18 but a board of supervisors may pay a bounty on coyotes. The
19 bill requires a county that establishes a coyote bounty program
20 to offer a \$10 bounty for a coyote lawfully taken within the
21 county.