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Cougars are not vermin to be exterminated and cougars are not overabundant in Oregon--counts are probably exaggerated. In 1994,we passed Measure 18. For 30 years, it has for protected cougars from the unsporting practice of hounding. In 1996, Oregonians decisively protected Measure 18 by an even larger margin.

Current law already allows the use of hounds to address issues with individual cougars who threaten property or public safety, or to carry out state wildlife management objectives. Allowing the indiscriminate killing of Oregon's cougar population, including with cruel and unsporting hounding methods, is not sound wildlife management and not in the best interest of Oregonians or our state's cougar population.