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This bill is absolute nonsense. Oregonians from all over the state have already spoken out on the use of hounds to hunt cougars, and have clearly stated that we are opposed to this cruel and inhumane practice. There is no need, nor practical reason to pass this measure since it directly goes against the will of the people. Besides the fact that hunting cougars in all forms is cruel and unnecessary, culling a native carnivore population is not an effective management approach and will likely disrupt their communities resulting in more, not less, conflicts with humans, pets and livestock. I implore the legislative bodies of this state to focus time and energy on things that matter more, to more people.