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I support this bill that allows for regional and local management with ODFW oversight and guidance. The mountain lion population in many areas can support the use of dogs to hunt, and in some case reduce lion-human conflicts. The mule deer population in the state would also benefit from decreases in mountain lion predation. County and regional exemption to the ban on the use of hunting dogs will help ODFW better manage wildlife in the areas and give hunting opportunities to houndsmen.

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