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I want to express my full support for SB 769 because it respects the diverse needs of Oregon's communities. As someone who lives in a rural area, I've heard neighbors and my own family members speak about frequent cougar sightings near their homes and livestock. When these incidents occur, it seems unreasonable that we cannot preemptively use the most effective and selective method—hound hunting. Letting each county put this decision before its voters is the best way to ensure that those most affected by cougars have a say. I believe this approach supports safer communities and healthier wildlife populations. This approach also supports growth back into the elk and deer populations. It's time we trust counties to manage their own unique circumstances.

Best regards,
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