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On Behalf Of:  
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Wildfire  
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I am writing to express my support for SB 769, which would restore local control over cougar management in Oregon. Having seen firsthand how different regions in our state face unique challenges with wildlife populations, I understand that some areas rarely encounter cougars, while rural counties often deal with them near livestock, homes, and even schools. This bill would give each county the option to decide whether or not to permit hound hunting, without imposing it on anyone. I believe this flexible approach is more fair than a statewide, one-size-fits-all policy. It also respects the input of local voters who are most familiar with the conditions in their communities. Let's move forward with a balanced wildlife management strategy that acknowledges Oregon's diversity.

Sincerely,  
Mady Love