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Wildfire  
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I'm writing to show my support for SB 769, which would give local communities more control over cougar management in Oregon. From what I've seen, different parts of our state face different challenges with wildlife. Some areas rarely see cougars, while rural counties are often dealing with them near livestock, homes, and even schools. This bill would allow each county to decide if they want to permit hound hunting, without forcing anyone to do it. I think this flexible approach is a lot fairer than a statewide rule that doesn't take local conditions into account. It also gives a voice to voters who understand the challenges in their own communities. Let's move forward with a more balanced way of managing wildlife that reflects the diversity of Oregon.

Thanks,  
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