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I support SB 769 because it offers decision-making power to local voters that are more aware of what is going on in their region. Oregon is a big state with varying degrees of human-wildlife conflict and wildlife management needs, so a uniform ban on hound hunting doesn't make sense in every county. Those who experience frequent cougar conflicts, or varying loss of other wildlife, should have the right to adopt the most effective and selective management methods available. At the same time, counties without issues can maintain their current policies. This approach ensures that wildlife management aligns with community needs and values. It seems like a logical way to preserve both public safety and ecological balance.