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As a formally educated, native Oregonian, 5th generation landowner, cattle woman, as well as avid hunter and a licensed, professional hunting guide in Oregon and Idaho, I am in full support of SB769.

Individual Counties should absolutely have the ability to introduce a ballot measure regarding cougar hunting and the use of dogs in their specific county. Not only would this give each counties residents a voice specific to their geographical area, but the ability to make educated, informed decisions based on their own beliefs and experiences with these predators.

Every county in Oregon has its own unique geography, wildlife population, human population, and economy. By regulating the control of predator population as a state wide, blanket solution is detrimental to our rural counties that are less dense with a human population, but have a much higher population of wildlife and privately owned livestock. As a generational land and livestock owner and producer in rural Oregon, having the urban and suburban populous of Oregon deciding how predators are regulated in my county is absurd.

Individual counties need to have the ability to put this on their ballots and let the county voters either support or oppose the use of dogs being used in their county for regulation of these predators.