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Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
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While I have no illusions about the likelihood of this bill passing given the makeup of the legislature (and the commensurate lack of understanding of the North American model of conservation), this issue is so important that I'm willing to waste my time in a futile gesture. Measure 18 is a wrong that needs to be righted; the voters of Oregon were hoodwinked into ignoring settled science in favor of a brainless emotional argument. Wild ungulate populations have suffered as a result, and-most ironically- just as many mountain lions are killed annually now as before the measure, but the state wastes tax dollars on professional damage control operators instead of having hunters pay to exercise a right. Brilliant. SB769 simply allows each county to exercise local control. Meaning, the people experiencing the ground truth of damage complaints and dwindling mammal populations get to decide. Who can argue against that?