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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire

Measure, Appointment or
Topic: SB769

Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildlife,

I Charles D Simpson, resident of Enterprise Oregon for 58 years, strongly support senate bill 769. I have seen mule deer population decrease up to 95% in some areas, such as Snake River, Imnaha and Minam wildlife management unities. Prior to the banning of using hounds for cougar hunting, studies showed cougar population increased approximately 6% per year. Since the banning of using hounds the cougar population has increased at a much higher rate. I have personally seen 30 cougars and watched mule deer populations gradually decrease for the last 35 years. I believe letting counties vote on the use of hounds for hunting cougars will give wildlife agencies an additional tool to help manage wildlife.

Sincerely,
Charles D Simpson