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Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or
Topic: SB769

To whom it may concern,

I strongly encourage you to support the passing of SB769. Oregon's wildlife agencies are in charge of taking care of the animals that live here. This bill would allow the rules about hunting Mountain Lions to be managed and updated in a controlled way.

Mountain Lions, like all animals, need to be managed to help keep their population healthy. Using hounds to hunt is a fair and safe way to make sure hunters target the right animals. Hunters can check the size, age, and health of the Mountain Lion before deciding if it should be killed or left alone. This way, they can protect important animals, like females with babies.

This would also help lessen the work for state and federal agencies that have to deal with problems like Mountain Lions in neighborhoods. Plus, it would bring more money to small towns because out-of-state hunters spend money on things like food, gas, and hunting licenses.

If passed, this bill would help take care of animals, support local businesses, and create a management system based on science. Oregon's Mountain Lion population is over populated and needs to be controlled by hunting, and it's time to change the law to reflect that.

Thank you