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Wildfire
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I oppose SB 769 because hunting cougars with dogs is cruel and archaic no matter where it occurs. New legislation should not overturn the fact that Oregon voters banned this practice statewide in 1994 when they approved Ballot Measure 18. Societies should be progressive in their thinking and actions when it comes to any sentient being, not regressive. In addition, biodiversity is important and is at great risk due to encroachment, hunting, and climate change. It is a sad statement in my opinion that these majestic animals are even considered being hunted by dogs which will not make pets or farm animals safer or increase populations of other animals such as deer and elk.