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Wildfire

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Supporting SB 769 would be a positive step forward for Oregon's wildlife management by empowering local communities to make informed decisions about managing cougar populations through hound hunting. This bill recognizes the need for localized decision-making, similar to other regulatory practices, allowing counties to opt in or out based on their unique wildlife needs. The science behind the bill supports its role in controlling cougar numbers, which have grown significantly and are contributing to the decline of mule deer populations. Hound hunting offers a more precise and effective method to manage these populations, preventing over-predation and supporting sustainable ecosystems. Additionally, this bill addresses public safety concerns, particularly in rural areas experiencing rising cougar conflicts, by allowing proactive management. By aligning with a science-based approach and respecting local voices, SB 769 promotes responsible, effective, and ethical wildlife management, ensuring the long-term health of Oregon's ecosystems.

Respectfully,  
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