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On Behalf Of:  
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Wildfire  
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I support SB 769 because it gives us a chance to protect the balance between cougar populations and other wildlife—like mule deer and elk—without imposing a blanket policy on every county. Our family has hunted and enjoyed the outdoors in Oregon for years and this is not the case in recent times. We have witnessed how our deer and elk herds are in real decline. Current cougar management efforts are ineffective and cougars are running out of territory to hunt and coming closer to town stalking and killing our family pets and farm animals as well as making it unsafe to allow our children to play and explore. Allowing counties to decide for themselves whether to permit hound hunting help solve the problem. We believe that rural counties with active cougar conflicts should have the right to manage their areas.  
Sincerely,

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