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On Behalf Of:  
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Wildfire  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB769

I am writing in support of SB 769 to give the power of decision making to the counties most effected by the mountain lion populations. I am a life long Oregon resident and passionate hunter, who has witnessed the decline in mule deer populations over the years. Hunters have sacrificed opportunity with declining populations and SB 769 would help to turn the tide on deer populations decline. If a county is not in favor of the use of hounds in pursuit of predators they can simply vote to not allow it. Giving counties this option to govern on a more local level helps reflect the the will of the people in a more localized manner. This will not be an all out eradication of mountain lions but a tool that can be used with regulation by ODFW. I feel not only will it be a benefit to deer populations but an opportunity to benefit more rural communities with more hunter dollars going to small businesses (hotels, gas stations, restaurants ect.).  
Regards Logan Sheridan