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Why allow an exemption for this law? Counties shouldn't be able to opt out of our state legislation. What precedent is that setting? Exploiting dogs to chase down wild animals is a cruel and inhumane practice, considering dogs and wildlife alike. The risk of injury for the dogs is high. Allowing a loophole is supporting entirely irresponsible animal guardianship. It would also be promoting the torture of Oregon wildlife. Let's be honest here - cougars and other wildlife pursued by packs of trained dogs are subjected to terrifying violence. An exemption would enable and embolden those who revel in animal suffering, while simultaneously sending a message that Oregon has little regard for the wildlife its citizens have fought hard to protect. Why go backwards?