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It is cruel, unscientific and unnecessary to use dogs to hunt cougars. Cougars need large areas to range. Ranchers and people who live on the suburban boundaries need to take responsibility for bringing in their livestock or pets as they are living in the COUGARS' home territory, not the other way around. Livestock protecting dogs are effective at scaring cougars away from livestock. As such, it creates a situation in which cougars must leave the area in order to hunt and breed so that they thin out of their own volition. Those that cross into the urban area, either get scared away, or, if repeat offenders get removed, or, as an absolutely last option, hunted. Using hounds is cruel to the cougars and dangerous for the dogs. I 100% oppose SB 769.