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Hello,

On many issues our nations history shows certain laws, or rules cannot be applied to all states. Hence one of the reasons we have states, counties, cities and more to help make the rule of law work for each geographic area. Although this does not apply to all issues it does apply to this topic. In the end tools need to be available for all to meet wildlife management goals. By passing this bill each county would be able to decide if they need hound hunting as a tool to manage wildlife goals set by government agencies. I would suggest a person making blanket statements needs to think deeply and recognize the issue at hand and bring tools to solve the issue. If no viable options are presented than your argument holds minimal value. A persons opinion could be there is "no issue" but studies, population counts, and many other supporting factors support there is an issue.

Currently, Oregon wildlife management goals are not being met and cougars play a high ranking negative role on decreasing ungulate populations. Without the proper tools not one agency or individual can meet these goals effectively. I support having effective tools to meet goals which include the use of hounds for tracking purposes. I also support other options if they were deemed viable for meeting management goals. Without hounds or other viable methods, Oregonians will continue to see a decline in ungulates and government goals.

I support SB 269!