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Oregonians have stated twice that they view hound hunting of cougars as cruel, unsporting, and not in line with Oregon’s humane values. Still, every legislation session for the last 30 years, a raft of bills is introduced to either weaken or repeal Measure 18. This latest attempt is no exception. SB 769, would allow counties to “opt out” of Measure 18 prohibitions, by allowing the use of dogs to hunt cougars, circumventing the will of Oregonians and creating a dangerous precedent and a confusing, county-by-county, patchwork approach to statewide wildlife management and enforcement.

Oregonians have already shown where they stand on this issue—twice. We oppose hound hunting of cougars and want to keep their protections in place.