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As an Oregonian, I strongly support the passage of SB 769! The public's contact with Cougars in recent history is getting MORE frequent, thus leaving the public with a huge safety issue. School children on recess, golfers, hikers, children playing on the church playground are just some of us at risk.

Years ago hunting Cougars was legal in Oregon, but as the population (of cougars) decreased the voters protected these animals. Now with the public choosing to use more and more of the public land - safety is the issue. I urge a YES vote on SB 769.