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I wholeheartedly support SB 769 because it strikes a balance between conserving our cougar populations and ensuring public safety. Right now, there's a one-size-fits-all ban on hound hunting, but Oregon's diverse geography makes that approach flawed. We need to tailor solutions to local conditions. In some counties, cougars have a serious impact on livestock, deer, and elk. In others, cougars are rarely an issue. This bill lets individual counties decide whether to authorize hound hunting, which is often cited as a more controlled and humane method to manage predator numbers. Let's trust local voters and give them a say in how to address these concerns.

Thank you for your time,
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