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Hello Oregon resident here.	

I'm writing to show my support for SB 769

Allowing counties to choose the right to pursue mountain lions with hounds, could greatly aid in the management of the species in areas of human conflict, areas with suffering deer or elk numbers, and allow for citizen science opportunities.

It is no secret that hounds are the most effective way to locate, identify, and collar cats in any area.

Hounds are a great tool for hazing problem lions, instead of lethal take. Hazing would allow females with litters, or younger cats to learn to stay away from conflict areas. This would take the burden off of designated tax funds.

This is a great opportunity for proper management, study, and ethical harvest of a thriving species in Oregon, all while being managed by science through our trusted state department ODFW.