

Submitter: Diana Huntington

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and  
Wildfire

Measure, Appointment or  
Topic: SB769

I'm writing in strong opposition to SB 769. We Oregon voters have twice, in 1994 and again in 1996, opposed trophy hunting of cougars and the use of hounds. Passed in 1994, Measure 18, later strengthened in 1996, already allows agents to hound cougars that pose a threat to property and public safety. Additionally, study after study has shown that this culling is NOT a viable management tool and that it actually increases conflicts between cougars and humans and livestock, as experienced adult males are taken out and inexperienced younger cats move in. Please oppose SB 769 as one more attack on laws supported by Oregon voters and on our state's cougars.