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Hello my name is Charles and I am an avid outdoorsman, you know they say your lucky to see one cougar in your lifetime if you are lucky! Well I have literally seen over twenty different cougars! The state will tell you we have an x number of cougars which that number is drastically lower than the actual amount that we do have by at least 40%! I have watched cougars kill so many deer and I have also watched and documented the waste of deer by cougar just for it to go kill another one! One deer a week some 2 deer a week that's 52-104 deer a year that one cougar kills now multiply that by one hundred thousand that is 5,200,000 this is the number of how many deer are killed by cougars alone in our state! This is exactly why the mule deer population has declined %40 in the last 30 years if we don't manage this problem my children and your children will never get to see a deer in there lifetime, that is very saddening to me and the fact that we let it get to that point! Not only are we failing our forest's by not managing them, we are failing our wildlife as well, it's time to make a change to insure future conservation of our great state of Oregon! I support SB 769