

# Senate Bill 702

Sponsored by Senator L GEORGE (at the request of Oregon Sportsmen's Association)

## SUMMARY

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Allows use of dogs to hunt cougars during final three months of general cougar hunting season if State Fish and Wildlife Commission determines that harvest quota for particular harvest zone may not be met.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to cougars; amending ORS 498.102.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 498.102 is amended to read:

5 498.102. (1) Any dog that is not wearing a collar with a license number thereon in compliance  
6 with ORS 609.100 that is found unlawfully hunting, running or tracking any game mammal or game  
7 bird may be killed at such time by any person authorized to enforce the wildlife laws.

8 (2) If a dog that is found unlawfully hunting, running or tracking any game mammal or game  
9 bird is wearing a collar with a license number thereon in compliance with ORS 609.100, the owner  
10 of the dog shall be notified by any person authorized to enforce the wildlife laws. If the owner or  
11 reputed owner of the dog disclaims ownership of the dog, the dog may be killed at such time by a  
12 person authorized to enforce the wildlife laws.

13 (3) If the owner of a dog has been notified that the dog has been found unlawfully hunting,  
14 running or tracking game mammals or game birds and thereafter fails to prevent the dog from un-  
15 lawfully hunting, running or tracking game mammals or game birds, such dog may be killed by any  
16 person authorized to enforce the wildlife laws.

17 (4) No person shall permit any dog the person owns to unlawfully hunt, run or track any game  
18 mammal or game bird.

19 **(5) Notwithstanding ORS 498.164, if the State Fish and Wildlife Commission determines**  
20 **that the harvest quota may not be met in a particular hunt zone during the general cougar**  
21 **season, the commission may allow a person who holds the appropriate licenses, tag and**  
22 **permits to hunt cougars with a dog in a particular hunt zone during the final three months**  
23 **of the general cougar season until the harvest quota for that particular harvest zone for the**  
24 **season has been met.**  
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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.