

IT IS A FAILED PLAN WITH FAILED POLICIES.

- THESE BILLS ARE DEPENDENT UPON GOOD DATA, AND IT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY WORLD-WIDE PEERS, SCIENTISTS, BIOLOGISTS, JANE GOODALL, THE SMITHSONIAN MAGAZINE AND OTHERS, THAT THE OREGON COUGAR MANAGEMENT PLAN IS A BROKEN AND FLAWED SYSTEM INCAPABLE OF GOOD DATA AND IS LACKING A SOUND SCIENTIFIC BACKING.

THE NEGATIVE EXTERNALITIES OF THESE BILLS ARE:

- **POACHING**, all FOUR bills support poaching.
 - Washington cougar meat and organs are sold on an out-of-control black market of wildlife parts according to Washington Fish and Wildlife and investigative reporters.
 - California has a 100 million dollar annual black market of wildlife parts according to California Fish and Game.
 - Oregon has more wildlife poached than legally killed, according to Oregon State Police reports.
- **COUGAR POPULATION DATA IS INACCURATE.** IT IS NOT "REFLECTIVE OF THE MOST CURRENT COUGAR POPULATION," AND THEREFORE NOT SUITABLE FOR ANY OF THESE BILLS.
 - Washington uses the same cougar hunting polices as Oregon and their cougar population has dropped like a rock to approximately 1600 cougar, according to Washington's Fish and Wildlife.
 - California has a decades ban on killing cougar, is a bigger State, has more people and livestock yet their cougar numbers are declining. According to California Fish and Wildlife, their cougar population count is declining at 4000 or below.
 - OREGON DOES NOT HAVE 4000, 5000 OR 6000 COUGAR. IT WAS AN ARBITRARY NUMBER NOT BASED ON SCIENCE USED TO START OREGON'S COUGAR POPULATION COUNT. OREGON NEEDS AN OUTSIDE UNBIASED PEER REVIEW OF ODFW'S COUGAR COUNT.
- **M18 WAS VOTED IN TWICE BY OREGON CITIZENS**, yet ODFW has never supported the voters voice and instead has implemented more programs to bypass M18; killing more cougar now without hounds than before M18 with the use of hounds.

OREGON NEEDS AN OUTSIDE UNBIASED PEER REVIEW OF ODFW'S COUGAR MANAGEMENT PLAN AND AN ACCURATE COUGAR POPULATION COUNT - NOT MORE LAWS THAT ALLOW COUGARS TO BE KILLED WITH HOUNDS. ODFW'S CURRENT COUGAR MANAGEMENT PLAN AND POPULATION COUNT ARE OUTDATED, INACCURATE, NOT BASED ON SCIENCE, FLAWED AND DECADES OLD.

VOTE NO ON HB 2624, HB 2390, HB 3395, SB 428

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