

Hi Chair person and committee

My name is Jerald myra

From Clackamas county

I belong to the Oregon outdoor council and the Oregon united sporting dogs assoc.

I am here to day to ask for your support to schedule HB2624A for a work session and to bring it to a vote on the floor.

Your hear some say the voters have voted on this twice and it passed but that was the vote of the people that don't have to live with the cougar. They don't have to worry about losing there pet's or livestock but the worst thought is your child or family member.

*IN 27 COUNTIES*

The voters that have to live with the cougar's have twice overwhelming voted in favor of using dog's to control the over populated cougar.

My son lives outside Elgin, his house is 110 years old so it is not like he is infringing on their territory. A couple years ago he noticed the horses wouldn't come up to the barn, the second day he was checking out what the problem was, when he opened the barn door he was face to face with s snarling cougar. He slammed the barn door and ran to the house for a gun but the cat was gone when he got back. He called the authorities trying to get the cougar out of his back yard but they said they could not do anything, you just have to learn to live with them. The next day he noticed his two barn cat were gone. His wife came home late one night and the cougar was in their front yard, she was afraid to get out of the truck, she had to call my son, he came out with a light but the cat ran off.

When you see cougar in Portland they had to lock down schools, they did not tell them, you just have to learn to live with them. They have lot's of pamphlets telling you how to do that.

I think it is time to tell these special interest groups that it is time to listen to

the county's that live with the cougars and voted to use dogs to control them and let ODFW have more tool's to help control the over population and maybe keep the hungry cats out of Portland, so they don't have to worry about them taking there pet's or something worse.

I think there is enough information to pass this to the floor and bring wildlife management back to the state of Oregon.

Thank you.

THE COUGAR POPULATION HAS DOUBLED  
& SO DID THE HARVEST RATE

IN MONTANA THEY HAVE QUOTA SYSTEM  
THEY SET UP - # OF MALES  
# OF FEMALES

AND USE 800# TO KEEP TRACK OF HARVEST  
& AREA'S CLOSED

TED CRADDOCK SPEND'S OVER 300 DAY'S  
A YEAR IN THE WOOD'S THERE IS NOT TO MANY  
THAT SPEND MORE IN THE WOOD'S THAN HE  
DOES.

HE ALSO TAKE'S CARE OF THE COUGAR  
THAT KILL'S PET'S & LIVESTOCK.