

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2624**

1 Delete lines 5 through 10 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) A county is exempt from the applicability of the**
3 **provisions of ORS 498.164 related to cougars if a county measure is**
4 **approved that exempts the county from the applicability of the pro-**
5 **visions of ORS 498.164 related to cougars. The measure may be pro-**
6 **posed by initiative petition, or referred to the people by the governing**
7 **body of the county, at an election held on a date specified in ORS**
8 **203.085 (1).**

9 **“(2) A county that is exempt from the applicability of the provisions**
10 **of ORS 498.164 related to cougars pursuant to subsection (1) of this**
11 **section shall notify the State Department of Fish and Wildlife.**

12 **“(3) The exemption of a county under this section does not affect**
13 **the authority of the State Fish and Wildlife Commission to manage**
14 **cougars in the county under any other provision of the wildlife**
15 **laws.”.**

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