

HOUSE BILLS 2050 AND 2381

*Comments to the House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee
by Gil Riddell, Policy Director, Association of Oregon Counties, February 17, 2015.*

The Association of Oregon Counties, representing all 36 county governments in the State, fully support the two identical House Bills that:

- Exempt a county from the prohibition against hunting cougars with dogs, if a county referendum or initiative that so provides becomes law; and
- Require the exempted county to notify the Department of Fish & Wildlife of its exemption.

AOC also supports the identical Senate versions, Senate Bills 126 and 453.

These bills permit the local population to choose a policy on hunting that makes sense to them.