

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2050**

1 Delete lines 5 through 15 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) In order to provide for the protection of human**
3 **safety by reducing human interactions with cougars, the State De-**
4 **partment of Fish and Wildlife shall develop by rule a program to allow**
5 **for the use of one or more dogs to hunt or pursue cougars in certain**
6 **targeted controlled hunt areas. The program:**

7 **“(a) Must be based on the best available science and data related**
8 **to cougar populations; and**

9 **“(b) May only be implemented within a targeted controlled hunt**
10 **area identified by the department if a county measure is approved**
11 **under subsection (2) of this section that allows for the program to be**
12 **implemented in the county where the targeted controlled hunt area is**
13 **located.**

14 **“(2)(a) A targeted controlled hunt area for cougars in a county is**
15 **exempt from the applicability of the provisions of ORS 498.164 related**
16 **to cougars if a county measure is approved that:**

17 **“(A) Approves the implementation of the program developed under**
18 **subsection (1) of this section within the targeted controlled hunt areas**
19 **identified by the department and located in the county; and**

20 **“(B) Exempts targeted controlled hunt areas in the county from the**
21 **applicability of the provisions of ORS 498.164 related to cougars.**

22 **“(b) A measure under this subsection may be proposed by initiative**

1 petition, or referred to the people by the governing body of the county,
2 to be voted on at an election held on a date specified in ORS 203.085
3 (1).

4 “(3) A county with a targeted controlled hunt area in the county
5 that is exempt from the applicability of the provisions of ORS 498.164
6 related to cougars pursuant to subsection (2) of this section shall no-
7 tify the department. Upon notification from the county, the depart-
8 ment shall implement the program developed under subsection (1) of
9 this section.

10 “(4) The approval of a county measure by a county under this sec-
11 tion does not affect the authority of the State Fish and Wildlife Com-
12 mission to manage cougars in the county under any other provision
13 of the wildlife laws.”.

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