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Please vote NO on HB 2795 ----- it's horrifically cruel. Bottom line -----
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Anti-wildlife lawmakers in Oregon are proposing a bill, HB 2795, that allows counties to "opt out" of Measure 18's prohibitions on using dogs to hunt cougars for sport. HB 2795 is an outrageous affront to the strong majority who voted to ban this horrifically cruel and bloody pastime in 1994. Voters reaffirmed their decision even more decisively in 1996 by rejecting a ballot measure to repeal Measure 18. That's right, Oregonians have stated TWIC...E that they view hound hunting as unacceptably cruel and unsporting.

Apparently these legislators believe they know better than the citizens they represent. Ignoring established cougar science, these legislators like to gin up baseless public fear of carnivores as a means of getting their trophy-hunting buddies back out into the woods with their dogs, where they can enjoy the bloody spectacle of dogs and cougars tearing each other apart.

Allowing counties to exclude themselves from a statewide law would set a terrible precedent, putting other voter-approved measures at risk of being undermined or repealed. It would also create a confusing, county-by-county, patchwork approach to managing wildlife, and would disrupt and thwart the state's broader wildlife management objectives.

Thank you - Denise Smith - Salem, OR