

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 is unconscionable. 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. Oregonians have stated twice that they view hound hunting as unacceptably cruel and unsporting.

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a statewide law would set a terrible precedent, putting other voter-approved measures at risk of being undermined or repealed.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.

I live out of state, but like to travel and recreate in Oregon, but won't if HB 2795 goes through. Please vote no on HB 2795.

Thank you.