

Senate Bill 769

Sponsored by Senator NASH, Representative LEVY B (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act makes it lawful to use dogs to hunt cougars in a county if county voters approve. The Act tells the county to notify an agency. (Flesch Readability Score: 74.0).

Provides that a county is exempt from the applicability of a statute banning the use of dogs to hunt or pursue cougars if voters approve a county measure proposed by initiative petition or referred to the people by the governing body of the county.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to county elections concerning methods of taking wildlife; and providing for criminal sen-
3 tence reduction that requires approval by a two-thirds majority.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

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

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

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

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.