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I support Oregon counties' ability to allow hunting with hounds to manage cougar populations. Cougars are listed as a species "of least concern" from a conservation standpoint and I believe a robust effort to manage them through dog running and hunter harvest helps prevent dangerous and fatal encounters between these animals and people on public and private lands.

SB 769 does not remove ODFW's oversight. Local choice would simply determine whether hound hunting is allowed; all other aspects—from season dates to harvest quotas—would remain strictly regulated by ODFW.