

Submitter: Scott Sheldon  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and  
Wildfire  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB769

Dear Committee,

I am writing you today to express my support of SB 769 which allows counties in Oregon to vote to allow the hunt and pursuit of cougars with hounds. I have resided in Oregon my entire life and believe in the science-based management of our wonderful wildlife. I also believe in the pursuit, harvest, and consumption of that wildlife when it is viable to do so. We currently have a hunting season and quota system on cougars in Oregon, with a healthy population. I am in support of allowing counties to determine if they would wish to pursue and hunt cougars with the use of hounds while staying with the current quota system. I believe ODWF can manage the hunts well with season dates and controlled tag allocations. This will provide additional funding to ODFW and opportunity for sportsman and women. Thank you for reading my statement.

Respectfully,

Scott