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I am in support of this bill because the use of hounds is not only fair chase, but it is one of the most ethical ways to hunt cougars. Hunters are able to judge age, sex, and whether a female is pregnant or has kittens before harvest. It is also one of, if not the only effective way actually manage mountain lion populations. Not to mention when there is a depredation hunt, the county or state trapper calls an agent to come and use hounds to catch the cat suspected of causing the problem.