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Wildfire  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB769

SB769 is a shameful slap on the faces of Oregon voters, taxpayers and constituents who have twice taken action, through the honest and open process of elections, to make clear that the LAW of all of Oregon forbids the use of hounds to pursue cougars. This bill is an affront to that democratic American process - a sneaky try to undercut the decision of the majority. The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife has properly educated the electorate: "It would take another ballot measure voted on by the citizens of Oregon to change the current law." <https://myodfw.com/beaver-state-podcast/ban-hunting-cougars-and-bears-hounds> . The Legislature has so much important work to do in this session - don't waste your time, and that of your constituents, taking up limited hearing time on this bill. It is baseless, it proposes an illegal undemocratic course, it will never pass - and if it did, it would divert too many tax dollars into contentious litigation.