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As a life long Oregon resident for almost 50years I've seen the cougar population grow to a ridiculous level. It's time to bring dogs back to help manage the cougar population. Most of the people who oppose this bill are not the ones in the woods or are not affected in any way by the big cats. We now have cats roaming around schools during open hours causing lockdowns. We have cats on ring cans in housing areas that have been established neighborhoods for over 50 years so stop with the we are moving into their territories. I'm not saying I want them all dead or gone. But a manageable population with some sort of plan moving forward to keep them under control. I spend more than a 100 days every year in these forests. So yes I'm well versed on how much the cat population has impacted wildlife as a whole.