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Wildfire  
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I hope you will find favor in SB 769's intent to give full control to our state wildlife biologists as they work to create balanced and healthy ecosystems in Oregon's wild lands. As seen in the long and intensive "Mule Deer Plan" released by the ODFW in 2024, our mule deer populations are suffering greatly. Predator control is needed to save them from going past the tipping point. Cougars, on the other hand, have experienced populations high above objective for a very long time. I hope these facts alone are enough for you to take this bill into further consideration. Speaking as an outdoorsman, I want ODFW to have every tool available to them to keep Oregon's wildlife populations healthy and balanced.

Thank you for reading and considering,  
-Bryant