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With rising cougar and other predator populations, the need for predator population control is much needed.

Hunting cougars with hounds is a great tool, and the most effective way to control the numbers of cougars.

the state of Oregon already has agents who are paid and called upon when needed.

I believe as a taxpayer it makes sense to allow sports men and women to pay for a cougar tag and hunt them with the best tool available and that is the use of hounds.

ODFW should have the control on how to best manage these predators not the general public who seems to run on emotions instead of common sense and science.

I hope this committee will pass SB769 and allow ODFW to use the best tools available to manage Oregon's wildlife.

Thank you for your consideration

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