

My wife and I own 150 acres in Lane County. I support this SB769. We have multiple cougars on our property each year. The cougar population is out of control. It is not safe for pets, livestock and children. I understand that some areas rarely encounter cougars, but not the case in our rural community. I believe the flexible approach is fairer than statewide. This measure will allow each county in Oregon to choose whether to permit hound hunting without forcing anyone to adopt the practice. It also respects the voices of local voters who know the conditions on the ground. Let's move forward with a balanced wildlife management strategy that recognizes Oregon's diversity.

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