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I am writing to show support of SB 769. This bill would give rural areas a voice in how mountain lion populations are controlled. The ban on the use of hounds was an emotionally driven decision voted on by many Oregonians who do not live in these rural areas. Wildlife populations should be controlled by science not emotions. With the reintroduction of other large predators this bill would allow counties an option to control high lion populations with ODFW oversight, hopefully leaving more wild game on the landscape. More wild game will decrease the likelihood of predator/livestock conflict. Please consider supporting this and putting local issues back in the control of the people who live and deal with them. IF we really had any kind of actual game management in this state it would begin with better predator control.