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Wildfire
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I wish to express my support for SB 769 because I have seen dramatically declining mule deer populations, and wish to limit the runaway effect of climbing cougar populations. Counties where cougars pose significant issues should have the opportunity to try a proven tool like hound hunting. Used responsibly, hound hunting can help wildlife biologists and hunters selectively harvest cougars. This bill respects local voters and does not mandate uniform changes across the state. It is a thoughtful proposal that addresses both public safety and wildlife conservation by allowing counties to choose what works best for them.

With respect, and thanks for your consideration,
Tom Bonamici