

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

Platform Committee

2/21/2019

RESOLUTION 2019.13

A resolution of the Democratic Party of Lane County

Relating to Anti-Environmental Legislation

WHEREAS, Sen. Bill Hansell has introduced SB 306 exempting county from applicability of statute banning use of dogs to hunt or pursue cougars if voters approve a county ballot measure to that effect; and

WHEREAS, Sen. Herman Baertschiger Jr. has introduced SB 340, which requires Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) to annually establish special season during tag holders may use dogs to hunt cougars; and

WHEREAS, Sen. Fred Girod has introduced SB 622, which requires the DFW to make special cougar tags available that allow use of dogs to hunt cougars; and

WHEREAS, Rep David B. Smith has introduced HB 2370, which allows electors of county to approve measure allowing use of dogs for hunting cougars; and

WHEREAS, Reps. Brian Clem and Bill Post have requested HB 2795, which directs the DFW to create pilot program allowing the use dogs for hunting cougars if county chooses;

WHEREAS, Rep. David B. Smith and Sen. Heard have introduced HB 2380 to establish a pilot project for county management of certain Elliott State Forest Lands; and

WHEREAS, Reps. Wilson and David B. Smith have introduced HB 2741 that requires the State Board of Forestry to transfer ownership of former county forest land back to county, upon request; and

WHEREAS, the DPLC has resolved (2017.5) to support a management program that will

preserve the unique ecological value of the Elliot Forest;

THEREFORE, the Democratic Party of Lane County resolves:

SECTION 1: To encourage Lane County legislators to oppose the following bills -

- a. SB 306 - county voters can allow hunting cougars with dogs;
- b. SB 340 - directs DFW to establish a season for hunting cougars with dogs;
- c. SB 622 - requires DFW to make tags available for hunting cougars with dogs;
- d. HB 2370 - county voters can allow hunting cougars with dogs;
- e. HB 2795 - directs DFW to establish pilot program for hunting cougars with dogs;
- f. HB 2380 - gives control of Elliott State Forest parcels to counties;
- g. HB 2741 - gives control of Elliott State Forest parcels to counties.

SECTION 2: To communicate our opposition of these bills to the appropriate committees and to the Members of the Oregon Senate and Oregon House of Representatives.

**Resolved by the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Lane County,
Assembled in Eugene, Oregon, February 21, 2019**