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**Bill Allows Hunters To Contribute To
Wildlife Conservation Efforts**

SALEM- Today the Oregon House of Representatives approved [House Bill 3636](#), sponsored by [Representative Greg Smith \(R-Heppner\)](#), which would allow persons buying a hunting license or tag from the Department of Fish and Wildlife to make a voluntary donation to help fund county predator control programs.

"This bill gives hunters the opportunity to check a box and contribute to local wildlife conservation," Rep. Smith said. "With state government struggling to fund basic services, this bill offers another mechanism to help protect our wildlife from predatory animals without costing the State of Oregon any money."

HB 3636 requires applications for State Fish and Wildlife Commission licenses, tags, and permits to have a separate section where applicants can make voluntary contributions to be used for predatory animal control to the extent allowed under federal and state law. The donation is required to go to the county or counties where the person is hunting for operation of their county predator control programs.

Current statute defines predatory animals to be feral swine, coyotes, rabbits, rodents and birds that are or may be destructive to agriculture, but excluding game birds and other birds determined by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission to be in need of protection. House Bill 3636 would include black bears, cougars, grey wolves, and other fur-bearing mammals.

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