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(Neb.) - Lawmakers approve mountain lion hunting bill

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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Nebraska lawmakers have passed a bill that would allow for mountain lion hunting and the donation of deer meat to help the hungry.

The combined proposals won final approval Thursday, 49-0.

Ellsworth Sen. LeRoy Loudon introduced the mountain lion hunting bill in response to increased sightings in Nebraska. Current state law only allows people to kill mountain lions if they are threatening humans or livestock.

That measure was combined with a deer meat donation proposal by Lincoln Sen. Tony Fulton. It would require the state Game and Parks Commission to create a program that allows hunters to donate money and deer meat to the Hunters Helping the Hungry Cash Fund.

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