

I urge the members of the House to support the passage of HB 2844. Beavers have wrongly been branded "predators" and should not be treated as such. The many benefits that beavers bring to the environment and to other wildlife far outweigh the minor inconveniences they might cause from time to time. The Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife must be the appropriate control agent for these animals. Moreover, because of the environmental value of beavers, when problems arise, the priority of the ODFW should be to resolve any situation in the most humane way possible.