

House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

HB2844

Dear Committee:

My name is Dave Vanasche and with my wife and son, we own, operate and manage Vanasche Family Farm at 36130 NW Wren Rd, Cornelius, Oregon 97113. We grow hazelnuts, grass seed, wheat and clover seed on 2250 acres of owned and leased cropland. We are opposed to HB2844! We farm near tributaries of the Tualatin River and our beaver population has multiplied 10 times in recent years. On our farm beavers have dammed our drainage ditches, flooding our cropland, which has killed our crops and or prevented us from planting crops. Beavers have also killed young hazelnut trees in our 185 acre orchard. As soon as we remove a beaver dam, it is replaced within several days.

Beavers are economically damaging our farm crop production and infrastructure. The result of dammed ditches and creeks are plugged field drainage lines and and erosion around plugged drainage systems.

We have hired a professional trapper on a yearly as needed basis to control this on going problem. Please vote no on HB2844.

Respectfully

Dave Vanasche

Vanasche Family Farm