

Thank you for your review of HB 2844! Beavers provided so many ecological benefits including alleviating flooding, carbon capture and storage, and providing habitat for imperiled salmon species. It's no wonder they are dubbed the ultimate environmental engineers. I understand the concern some landowners might have about their protections if a beaver were to become a nuisance on their land, and this bill would simply allow the experts to manage them with non-lethal methods when possible. When it's not possible to use non-lethal methods, the landowners still would be able to them lethally if necessary. The more I read and here about beavers, the more I realize that they can be a really effective tool in managing habitats in a really beneficial way and we would greatly benefit from a greater beaver presence. Beavers are an important part of Oregon's past and hopefully we can give them the protections necessary to be an important part in mitigating climate change in the future if we can take the right actions now.

Thank you!