

I support this beavers and this important bill. Beavers are a vital component for Oregon's ecological health, and can provide Oregonians with vast positive benefits, including:

- Increased wildfire resilience (through natural and effective firebreaks and post-fire habitat);
- Increased water security through wetlands and ponds storing surface and groundwater;
- Carbon capture and storage that helps remove carbon from the atmosphere;
- Improved drinking water quality and stream temperatures;
- Rearing habitat for multiple imperiled salmonid species.

The bill encourages beaver presence on the landscape to create an atmosphere where Oregon sees more benefits from increased, and more widely-distributed beaver populations in Oregon.

Signed,

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