

Dear Congress Members,

I am writing to urge you to pass HB 2844 because I believe it is important that beaver populations in Oregon be managed under ODFW rather than each individual landowner. Beaver provide many benefits to Oregon and to Oregonians such as creating natural fire breaks, improving drinking water and providing habitat for endangered salmon to name a few. Passing this bill does not prevent landowners from protecting their land, rather it 1) encourages non-lethal removal of beavers; 2) gives ODFW tools to manage beaver populations for all Oregonians and 3) allows for healthy and sustainable populations of beaver to thrive on the landscape, thus providing their ecological benefits throughout Oregon. Thank you for your time.