

I support HB 2844 because it opens up space for a new relationship between the people and beavers of Oregon. Beavers are an important part of our ecosystem that can help us mitigate and adapt to climate change by encouraging healthy riparian areas. This is important not only on public land, but across the state. This bill specifically rightly gives ODFW power to manage beavers, as our state's wildlife experts. It encourages non-lethal interactions between beavers and humans, which has been the norm for too long, while also still allows this in cases when necessary. Thanks for your consideration.