

I am writing in support of HB2844. Having worked on beaver reintroduction I personally have seen the value this animal provides to Oregon's ecological health. Examples are increased wildfire resilience by providing natural firebreaks; increased water security by storing surface and groundwater; and improving water quality which provides rearing habitat for multiple salmon species and other wildlife. It is critical that we remove beaver as a predatory species and allow ODFW to manage beaver everywhere in Oregon. This is a critical piece of legislation that needs the legislature's strong support. Thank you for allowing me to address this important piece of legislation.