

Dear; Committee members,

I am very concerned in regards to HB2844. I live and work on a small family farm in Silverton. We have had a few interactions with beavers in the last ten years or so. They have backed up streams in the past which have caused flooding into our fields. The most damaging situation we have encountered is when we have 3 to 10 year old Hazelnut trees that start to disappear overnight. If i am required to get a permit to address the problem i could lose several more trees. It takes a lot of effort and time to culture hazelnut trees to this age and if your going to limit my ability to address a rodent that can cause catastrophic damage in a matter of days and hours it will considerably make it more difficult financially and mentality to continue to farm. In the past we have taken different measures depending on the situation to address the problem and sometimes the only alternative we have is to euthanize the rodent. Please do not pass HB2844. It has become challenging enough farming without the government wanting to regulate every move we make.

Sincerely Karl Dettwyler