

Statement of Lori Williams, Oregon Resident
in support of HB 2844
before the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
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I am writing to support the passage of HB 2844 removing the predatory status of beavers. Beavers are and always have been an important part of Oregon's ecosystems, and are especially important in wetland settings. By removing this status the Oregon wildlife department will be able to manage beavers across all of the state and improve wildlife management. Land owners and others will still be able to use lethal removal if necessary. This designation seems outdated, especially in view of possible competition from the invasive and destructive nutria, which may compete with our native beavers in many areas of the state.

Please pass and support this update to our wildlife management laws.

Sincerely,

Lori C. Williams