

I write to encourage your support for HB 2844. I am not a wildlife biologist or other expert, but in my reading and OPB reporting, I have come to appreciate that beavers are not only not "predators," but very beneficial to our environment, especially our waterways. Passage of this bill would allow ODFW to manage our beaver populations as it does other native wildlife species. There are so many "downstream" benefits from how beavers behave in their habitats. Waters are made cleaner, which improves the environment for native fish and our native vegetation. I support Oregon preserving wild places and wildlife as public resources, managed to the benefit of all.

Thank you for your time and attention.