

I am the President of the Multnomah County Farm Bureau and am writing to urge you to oppose HB 2844. Farmers in Multnomah County need the ability to respond quickly to the damage that beavers can cause, and HB 2844 would limit our ability to do so.

Speaking from personal experience, a creek runs through the southern side of my farm. Many times throughout the years, beavers have dammed this creek, causing flooding within my fields and the potential for county road flooding as well. In addition, my neighbor has an irrigation pond immediately above the creek, and beaver activity has, at times, destabilized this pond.

The ability to respond quickly and decisively to such predatory beaver behavior is necessary to mitigate the damage beavers cause on our property.