

Chair Witt members of the committee.

For the record my name is Peter Kenagy and I have owned and operated a 450 acre farm along the Willamette for the last 35+ years.

I am writing in opposition to HB2844.

I had signed up and attended the hearing but was not afforded the opportunity to testify.

Two things quickly became apparent, 1- It is ridiculous and a farce to proceed with this type of unnecessary regulation without giving impacted citizens a opportunity to speak. and it does a disservice to the integrity of the legislature and your committee. 2- It was painfully apparent the the chief sponsor has very little practical knowledge of beaver ecology. Rep Marsh's statement about wanting "every Oregonian to see a beaver" ignores the fact that they are nocturnal and secretive, one will see evidence of beaver several hundred times before you ever have a chance to actually see one.

I am very skeptical of the value of submitting written testimony and sincerely doubt many committee members read all submitted testimony. I am happy for you all to prove me wrong and you can do that by emailing me with the subject line "HB2844 read"

sincerely

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