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House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**Re: Public Testimony in Support of HB 3564**

Tualatin Riverkeepers (TRK) is a community-based organization that protects and restores the Tualatin River watershed. We build watershed stewardship through engagement, advocacy, restoration, access, and education. We write to support HB 3464, which would remove the predatory status assigned to beavers.

A key focus of our organization is ensuring our watershed is climate resilient, and therefore able to recover from climate-related disturbances. Wetlands are one of the most effective ways to mitigate climate change and pollution impacts. In addition to acting as natural pollutant filters, wetlands provide much needed flood and drought control, carbon sinks, and natural habitat for fish and wildlife. Beavers act as environmental engineers, creating wetlands by damming up channels and slowing flows. Beavers “predatory” designation allows unlimited capture and kill of beavers with no oversight from ODFW. This bill would create efficient and diverse avenues for landowners to address impacts of beaver dams on their property. By eliminating beavers’ predatory status, it would create more options for landowners who may want to pursue other options of removing beavers and continue to promote natural systems as climate mitigators.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victoria Frankeny". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Victoria" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Frankeny".

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