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Beaver Testimony:

HB 3464 further restricts predatory animal management on my district's operations.

I would like to state that the beaver has cost our flood control district thousands of dollars and many man hours annually. The presence of the beaver and their destructive nature of building dams and blocking waterways presents unsafe conditions. It affects thousands of people and properties, including homes, businesses, farmland and even roadways all along the waterways through the community of Sutherlin in Douglas County.

This is an ongoing battle. I am responsible for not letting the city of Sutherlin flood and the beavers impede my effort to keep the water flowing freely. This is already a dire situation and your vote on HB 3464 could make it worse for us to maintain our waterway in order to keep our town from flooding.

So, please do NOT support HB 3464. We all love animals, but this will burden our flood control district and community even more.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Rippey".

Robert Rippey
District Manager, Sutherlin Water Control District