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I am writing in opposition of SB 830. Relocating beavers has shown to not be effective. I've studied the work of biologists and others who work with beavers who report high levels of mortality due to lack of resources, predators, and territory issues. Turns out you can't just drop animals into a space and everything works out. It's much more complex than that. It is a nice sounding idea that lacks the elements of success. The beavers have a low chance of success and we waste efforts and money on the wrong approach.

In this situation, I defer to those doing work with beavers in the central Oregon area, like Beaverworks, who have put so many hours into really learning how to steward the land, water, and beavers.

Let's cultivate water and beavers in a smarter way, leading to greater success.