



# OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

Protecting Oregon's Wildlife, Habitat and Hunting Heritage

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RE: HB 4014

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Levy and Levy, Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) is Oregon's largest state-centric hunter conservation organization, representing over 11,000 sportsmen and women throughout 26 chapters in the state. Our mission is 'to protect Oregon's wildlife, habitat, and hunting heritage' and we have a strong history of advocating for science-based wildlife management.

OHA supports the protection and improvement of wildlife habitat on public lands and, wherever possible and practicable, on private lands. The Landowners Living with Beavers Grant Program put forth in HB 4014 allows for such improvements on private land, specific to beavers.

While beavers can be an important ecological helper on the landscape, they may be either a benefit or a detriment, depending on the landowner, crop impacts, and other factors. In locations where beavers are a benefit to the landowner, we support the opportunity for landowners to apply for grants to assist them in mitigating any non-desired effects.

We support the utilization of the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund (OCRF) as the mechanism for the grant program. The OCRF has established a long track record of administering grant funding for wildlife, habitat, and recreational projects.

Thank you for your time,  
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