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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3143

I am writing to support HB 3143, which will create a grant program to encourage coexistence with Oregon's natural ecosystem engineers, our state's beavers!

Few wildlife species profoundly influence the landscape through the processes beavers set in motion that create and support entire biotic communities. When protections are afforded to beavers, they, in turn, directly increase and enhance wetlands and biological diversity. With a focus on humane, non-lethal conflict resolution and stewardship on the part of landowners, beavers can thrive, create an environment supporting many rare and sensitive plants and animals, restore riparian corridors, and build resilient ecological systems that help combat the effects of climate change.

Please join me in supporting HB 3143, and protecting this iconic Oregon species!

Thank you for your consideration.