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On Behalf Of: Beaver Works
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3143

Testimony in support of of HB3143:

- Beaver habitats help to recharge groundwater, enhance fire resiliency, create climate refugia for other species, improve water quality and support healthy habitat for salmon.
- ODFW, with help from stakeholders, developed a 3-year Beaver Action Plan in 2023, which aims to advance restoration of beaver habitats and includes private lands. Landowners will benefit if financial assistance is made available to protect beaver habitats and advance the Plan's goals, yet there have been no funds allocated for this purpose.
- In 2023, the legislature passed HB 3464, which removed the predatory animal status of beavers and shifted management on private lands from the Department of Agriculture to ODFW. This opened an opportunity to provide an alternative to beaver extermination. Landowners now need resources to shift historical management practices.

Please support this critical implementation effort related to prior legislation you have passed.

Thank you!

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