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To: House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use,  
Natural Resources, and Water

From: Oregon Wild

Re: Support HB 3143

Date: February 4, 2025

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 3143, improving coexistence between people and beavers, our beloved state animal.

For the past fifty years, Oregon Wild has been dedicated to protecting Oregon's waters, wild lands, and wildlife. And we're honored to stand in support of HB 3143 beside the wide range of Oregonians who have shared with you their own stories and passion for the amazing ecosystem engineers that beavers have been and can be again.

As you've heard from people across Oregon, beavers are both incredible creatures and valuable members of an array of ecosystems, but they can also come into conflict with humans and our farms, ranches, forests, and infrastructure. HB 3143 creates the opportunity to reduce conflict and allow beavers and humans to coexist, generating all of the benefits of beavers while reducing the challenges for humans and the beaver mortality that conflict results in. In a state that needs to slow down and sink in water, and in a state that needs green firewalls on the land to slow wildfire spread, it is time we listened to the beavers and helped our neighbors who struggle with them.

Let's keep the momentum. Living beside beavers is truly a win / win. We have the tools, the knowledge, and the people; Oregon is ready.

Thank you for supporting HB 3143!

Respectfully,

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