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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006
Co-chairs Leiber and Sanchez:

I am in fact writing in support of HB3143, which I understand is to be considered at your committee's series of statewide town halls including this one in Warm Springs, near to my home in Redmond (it does not seem to show up in the testimony system's drop-down menu). I have participated in numerous Oregon Natural Desert Association habitat restoration trips and am a strong believer in the restoration community's efforts to encourage the flourishing of our state mammal and symbol, the beaver, into stream habitats where their dam-building habit will help contribute to riparian ecosystem health. HB3143 will connect State funding to helping private landowners implement non-lethal solutions to human/beaver conflicts. It is exactly the kind of balanced, collaborative, negotiation-based approach that gets everyone pulling on the same oars. I urge you to fund its provisions. Thanks for the chance to comment.