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Management of our State's wildlife should be left to the experts within our State's Department of Fish & Wildlife, not directed to them by legislators or the general public who predominantly have little or no knowledge of what it takes to effectively manage wildlife. If this bill were to pass, unmanaged (unchecked) populations of beaver across the state will increase, causing a significant increase in the damage and destruction caused by their activities, such as flooding caused by dam building activities or plugging of highway culverts, and the destruction of crops, orchards, tree farms, etc., to point out just a couple of examples that have undoubtedly not been considered by the sponsors of this bill. In addition to the negative affects of this bill on beaver populations, this bill would infringe upon the ability of Oregonians to continue a long-standing tradition of legally harvesting beaver as a fur bearer, or for healthy population and damage control purposes. Harvesting beaver in Oregon is a tradition that my ancestors have practiced for longer than Oregon has been a state. Don't put the management of another species of Oregon's wildlife into the unknowledgable, incapable hands of legislators or the general public.