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This isn't a perfect bill, but it's an improvement over the current situation. We now have an increased appreciation for the benefits beavers provide us humans, and we have people who know how to help mitigate for beaver-caused flooding where necessary. Beaver deceivers can make it possible to have beaver even in urban settings. They are a simple "technology," and they are CHEAP! Starker Arts Park in Corvallis is a prime example. In this fraught period of climat change, we can't afford to lose our beaver. It's my understanding (at least, it's my hope) that it's no longer legal to kill them for no reason, and these herbivores are no longer ridiculously classified as "predators!"

I'm really fed up with us humans acting as if we are the only species that has a right to live out their natural life on this planet. We KNOW about the food chain. We KNOW about keystone species, of which the beaver is one. We KNOW how beaver activity can create wetlands that can reduce or at least slow down wildfires. Time to act based on what we KNOW!