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Chair Golden, Vice Chair Nash, members of the committee,
I thank you all for taking the time to see read this. This is not a PARTYLINE vote here. This is an effect on the lands and the "We The People ". Oregon has for over a century had highly regulated beaver harvest and has held a very high standard at continued growth and conservation for our coexistence with Oregon's wildlife. ODFW has disregarded this claim not once but three times. Why? Because Oregon has a very abundant beaver population and they know that they are in control of Oregon's wildlife. That also means they are responsible for the damages too. NOT IN THIER BUDGET. What is not being thought of is the impact on the people, the state roads, county roads and federal. This is not free by all means. I'd like to know who is accountable for this FINANCIAL IMPACT if it is to pass? It will only be a few years until we see the start of the financial impact on these said entities. What's not also being mentioned is beavers don't build dams in deep waters. They build ponds to get to safety. If its deep enough they don't need to. They also won't build on slops 3% or more, as we all know Oregon has a large abundance of steep sloped ground. This is due to wash out as explained in many other testimonies. I can go on and on with facts but the bottom line here is this is bad legislation. Making decisions to support this will absolutely bring a much larger fiscal impact than what you THINK. See you Tuesday.