

Submitter: Shane Hall
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

I am writing to oppose this measure in it's entirety. I operate a nuisance wildlife removal company and I see the issues with removing science based wildlife management on a daily basis. When you remove the ability to manage the coexistence between people and wildlife based on science and long standing welfare of an entire species, you invite more conflict and the removal of caring about the species by those personally effected. Where you once had the public operating within the boundaries of science and ethics of sound management keeping a population below the damage threshold, you inevitably end up with people who feel they have no other options but to reduce their damages by any means necessary. Where you once had some remaining, you now have entire family groups indiscriminately eliminated under cover of darkness. What was once a humane removal of a few individuals, now becomes disease or starvation of entire local populations by means of slow lingering death. Yes, if this measure passes, my business will likely see increased need and grow, but ethically for the good of the beaver population itself, I must oppose it. Emotions should never take precedent over science when the long term health of a species is at risk. I urge all those considering this measure, to trust the science and do what is in the best interests of the beaver populations across the state. Thank you for your time.