

Dear Committee members:

I am writing to strongly support HB 2844, an important bill which will allow Oregon's wildlife experts, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, to manage these important animals. Beavers are a vital component of the ecology of streams and fisheries. This bill encourages the use of non-lethal co-existence tools to manage beavers. As bird and insect populations decline, it is imperative that wetlands persist and that we support more natural management of the land. I am a public health physician and am greatly concerned about the impact of climate change, declining water supplies, declining animal diversity and human health.

Please support HB 2844.

Thank you.

Linda Humphrey MD, MPH  
12310 NW Tualatin Avenue  
Portland 97229

503-704-1241