

I strongly support HB2844. Oregon needs to support the role of the beaver in helping to restore water systems and habitat – especially for trout and salmon. Beaver are natural partners to helping the survival of aquatic critters and plants, particularly in dry places such as eastern Oregon, where water is so precious. I have spent a lot of time traveling and volunteering in Oregon and have been saddened to see how few wetlands there are - a situation that contributes to harmful erosion, drought, and fires because there's less water retained on the land than there could be if beavers were allowed to dam streams. Beavers can help with these and other issues at such a low cost, that I hope that Oregon will pass this legislation that will let beavers do their job on public lands.