

I support this bill because of the positive effects that beavers can have on wetland restoration on public lands. Growing up 67 years in rural Oregon (Sandy, Philomath, Phoenix) to a hunting and fishing family, I have seen much degradation of our forest and range lands in my lifetime. Allowing beavers to live on public lands again can have enormous benefit to us all with very little dollar cost. The time for action on this has come, as we face many challenges in the next 10 years due to climate change. Please step up for Oregon's future to get our wetlands back to health. I very much want my grandkids to have the opportunities to enjoy Oregon's forests and rivers that I grew up with.