

I am writing in support of HB2844, to remove beaver from the predator status designation in Oregon. Beaver are an important species for the ecological health of our state. Their presence has been shown to contribute to improved quality of streams and groundwater, with resulting benefits to native vegetation, carbon sequestration, fish and other wildlife habitat, and wildfire resilience. This bill will allow beaver to be managed by wildlife experts, for the benefit of all. The bill will not impede the removal of beaver who cause damage to private property. Everyone can win with this bill. Let's live up to our name as the Beaver State and allow beaver to once again fulfill the crucial role they play in helping create healthy and sustainable ecosystems. I urge the passage of HB 2844.

Thank you,
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