

I am a farmer and small woodland owner in Lincoln county and oppose HB 2844. The number of beavers is as high or higher than it has need in the last 50years. They are nocturnal animals and are rarely seen doing all their work at night. then I spend my day unclogging culvers and repairing washed out roads from their nightly work. I do not like to take a beaver, but chronic problem animals need to be removed. After removal it might be several years before another one moves into the area to clog the culvert. As a landowner, I need to address a problem beaver immediately before it further jeopardizes my property. I cannot afford to be required to get a permit from ODFW (which I know animal rights groups would advocate against being issued). Further, the available non-lethal deterrence doesn't work well in my experience.

HB 2844 proposes to remove the classification of beavers as a rodent. Beavers are taxonomically classified as rodents, and should be correctly identified in statute.

This bill should not be passed out of committee.