

I want to be clear that I am no longer an Oregon resident, but I would like to show support for HB 2844 for several reasons. Beaver provide excellent benefits to ecosystems, such as restoring wetlands that can reduce the effects of fire, providing habitat for juvenile fish, reducing adverse effects of flooding, and raising water table levels. Beaver could be viewed as natural tools to help humans cope with climate change and achieve management goals for other species of wildlife and habitat. Also, I strongly believe that wildlife should be managed by biologists and other scientists, not state legislators. ODFW and other personnel have the experience and education most relevant to managing beaver and other wildlife in Oregon.