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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB3464

I support HB 3464. A long overdue re-classification of this highly beneficial and symbolic animal.

Beavers are critically important to restoring our environment. They are a keystone species that create wetlands and wet meadows that provide habitat for salmon and other species, sequester carbon and create natural firebreaks.

However, in Oregon they are classified as a “predatory animal.” This status allows for unlimited killing of beaver on private lands without a permit and without any tracking of the number of beaver killed.

If HB 3464 does not pass, I will start an initiative to broadcast that the State of Oregon allows beavers to be exterminated indiscriminately at all Oregon State sporting events. Go Beavers!

Thank you,
Todd Burkholder