



# THE BEAVER COALITION

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House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment  
Chair Representative Marsh

RE: House bill 3464

Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Levy and Levy, and Members of the Committee,

As an organization that works to empower humans with better tools for partnering with beavers, we've helped many private landowners coexistence with beavers on their land. The landowners we've worked with are often 1) frustrated with the lack of support from Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, 2) looking for alternatives to trapping (either lethal or relocation), and 3) committed to stewardship of their land and concerned with how beavers will impact the health of that land. Landowners are often unaware of the benefits that beavers can bring to their property and surprised that beavers are good for the health of their land and its waterways. As we've talked with these folks, many cite the treatment of beavers as a pest species (predator) by the State of Oregon as the primary reason they thought the beavers on their land should be trapped out.

HB 3464 will change how "The Beaver State" legally designates this important ecosystem engineer to be more in-line with reality (beaver are vegans after all). By moving beaver management on private lands under the purview of our state's wildlife agency, this bill will create a nexus for landowners to receive better support from ODFW on voluntary coexistence solutions.

Thank you for considering this important legislation. Please support HB 3464.

Sincerely,

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