

Dear legislators:

Please support HB 3464.

The effects of this error are far-reaching; by helping efforts to re-establish beavers in our landscapes, this bill will work to support crucial wetlands conservation and combat the effects of climate crisis, particularly drought and wildfire.

It is incorrect to classify beavers as predators. Beavers are not animals that prey on other animals. To quote from the website of the Smithsonian's National Zoo & Conservation Biology Institute: "Beavers are herbivores, eating leaves, woody stems and aquatic plants."
<https://nationalzoo.si.edu/animals/beaver>

Oregon should follow the lead of recent studies and programs that show how important beavers have been, and can be again, to a region's economic and natural health and prosperity. And we are the Beaver State!

Thank you. I will be heeding your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

Amanda W. Powell