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As an OSU beaver graduate, beavers need controlling. As a rancher and timber owner as well as a property owner who owns land with roads, culverts and riparian areas, I strongly oppose this legislation. Beavers on our property over the past have chewed on tide gates so they had to be replaced. They block culverts causing roads to wash out therefore causing sediment in the streams which is bad for fish and road issue for travelers.. They dam up waterways causing flooding of private and public lands which in some cases we have seen drown out vegetation. Beavers destroyed our riparian plantings for a stream restoration project and they have killed our fruit trees. When beavers eat the trees in the riparian area, there will be no tree or a limited number of trees to shade the waterway to keep water cooler for fish. Beavers just don't stay in the creeks and do damage outside the riparian area. The Commission should not be controlling the rules for beaver take. Landowners need to take care of the problem beavers immediately and the process for permitting is time consuming and cumbersome as well as the reporting. Do not allow this bill to pass.