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Beavers are a key natural climate solution. This keystone species helps slow waterways, maintaining wet streamside habitats. Studies have shown beavers help make habitat more resilient in the face of climate-driven wildfires and drought. Despite this clear science, beavers are still classified as “predatory” animals in Oregon and regulated not by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), but by the Oregon Department of Agriculture. HB 3464 would place beavers under the regulation of the ODFW.