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This bill if passed would cause an overpopulation of animals, and that would create more disease and death of the animals. Since we humans have reduced the number of natural predators and brought in species that became invasive (nutria, starlings, bull frogs, Wolf, etc...) these animals need us to control their populations. A second issue is how this would negatively impact citizens who trap animals for a living, and would negatively impact farmers and landowners as some of the species trapped if the population isn't controlled will decimate crops, and cause cattle, horses, and other farm animals to suffer broken bones and loss of life.

We already have a problem with uncontrolled Apex predators (Cougar, wolf, coyote) wiping out our game animal population; enough so that in some areas Oregon Fish and Wildlife will hand out tags for Cougar after one is killed (look at Mt. Emily regarding deer and elk a few years ago).

Passing this is dangerous for conservation of our animals, land, and other resources as well as being very harmful to our economy; especially in rural Oregon where some families rely on the revenue from trapping.

If trapping is removed the farmers and land owners will resort to poisoning or other methods to eliminate vermin, rodents, and other animals that have a negative impact on their crops and livestock. If a farmer/land owner resorts to poison then other animals like eagles, bear, or others will end up being poisoned and killed as a result of the vermin being poisoned.

One beaver dam in the wrong location can cause extensive damage to crops, nutria decimate crops annually in the mid-Willamette Valley.

I strongly oppose this measure.