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Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
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I am opposed to this bill. It would end up causing extensive water damage as well as help to spread disease as there are many water born diseases that are found in the stagnant water of beaver ponds. These diseases would then spread to the people of Oregon and increase the cost of health care. Oregon already has to put aside 1.5 million dollars a year to deal with crop damage from beavers. By stopping trapping this expense would increase exponentially. I also didn't see a NEPA study done for this which would be required the cost of that for the size of the area being proposed would be millions of dollars. On top of all that the trappers are spending money on tags, traps, food, gas and so on. If you take that away you are killing that part of your economy and loosing all that money that comes from the Robert Pitman act that helps fund the conservation of these animals. Thank you for you time and consideration in opposing this bill.