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I support HB 3932. The natural place for Beavers is in the river and stream systems. Their contribution to the health of those systems is widely known and understood. They do naturally what people, after significantly changing those systems, then spend millions to fix. In a time of warming climate, when the western states have already experienced years of drought, water retention in the expertly engineered beaver pond and surrounding flood plain are a gift. If the natural waterway systems are operating as intended, with resident beaver families, precious water will be retained to allow green plants to flourish, lessening fire hazards, cooling the water for healthy fish habitat, and perhaps enabling us and many riparian species to survive a warming environment.

Thank you