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As Conservation Chair of Salem Audubon Society I write on behalf of our membership in support of HB 3932. This bill would protect water quality in Oregon's streams and rivers by protecting beavers. Beavers are a vital part of our ecosystems and are very effective at improving water quality if we let them. Almost one-third of Oregon's stream miles are listed as impaired, suffering from elevated water temperatures and/or high levels of sedimentation or pollutants. This bill would temporarily close beaver trapping on waters the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has determined have impaired water quality, allowing beavers to go to work to make it better.