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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

I'm writing to submit my support of HB3932, which will limit the trapping of beavers in certain areas. Allowing beavers to maintain habitat in areas with impaired streams, as determined by Oregon's DEQ, can be an easy and cost effective way to improve stream quality in a large portion of the state, since beaver dams have been shown to reduce temperature and sedimentation. Notably, this bill is not about reducing beaver harvests--it's about allowing beavers to persist in habitats where they are needed.

Thanks for considering this bill, and for your service to the state of Oregon.