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For a very long time, beavers were seen as material for hats. Beaver trapping opened the American West and the populations dropped. Now we understand just how important beavers are to a healthy ecosystem and water quality. This bill doesn't limit beaver trapping, rather it allows ODFW the opportunity to identify waterways and watersheds that would benefit from beavers doing what they do best - building small dams. These dams, which won't cost the taxpayer a single cent, restore stream complexity with the resulting benefit to water quality, wildlife, fish and people. Beaver dams are even good for cows as they create small ponds for drinking. Please support and pass HB3932.