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This bill proposes closing hunting and trapping of beavers on waterways on public lands that are deemed impaired by DEQ. There is a lot of scientific evidence that shows beaver dam complexes can address most of these water quality issues, and they do it for FREE!

ODFW's 2023 data showed that only 4% of beaver harvest is taking place on public lands. This is NOT about banning trapping or increasing their populations; rather it is about allowing beavers to disperse to public lands and stay there long enough to perform their ecological functions without getting trapped out.