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On Behalf Of: Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

To: Chairman Lively and members of the House Committee On Climate, Energy and Environment

from: Craig Lacy on behalf of the Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN) representing over 50 Indivisible groups in the state.

We urge you to support HB 3932 for the following reasons. Beavers have been proven over and over to provide much need benefits to our watersheds, HB 3932 targets streams that are water quality impaired and in much need of help. Beaver dams keep run off in upper elevations for later distribution well into the summer. They help with flood control and lower sediment impacts by reducing erosion. Beaver dams also assist in helping reduce nitrogen from fertilizers and cattle waste in streams. Beaver dams improve habitat in riparian zones which is very beneficial to birds, wildlife and many fish species. The ponds they create become nurseries for trout, salmon and steelhead. These benefits the beavers provide do not cost the state much at all. Trying to duplicate those benefits w/o beavers would be very expensive. We urge you to support this legislation.
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