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As a 12-year supporter and honored restoration volunteer with the Johnson Creek Watershed Council, I am writing to voice my support for HB 3932. Beavers are gaining long-overdue prestige as watershed engineers and partners in efforts to ensure and enhance healthy hydrological systems in urban, suburban, and rural areas. Instructing the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to adapt the rules in HB 3932 should be an obvious cost-effective choice since it pertains only to waterways on public lands that are classified as impaired by Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality. Allowing beavers to inhabit these safe havens to perform their natural skills with confidence will also provide scientists and local communities the chance to better monitor the progress of beaver participation in watershed restoration and health, especially as we are faced with the still unpredictable challenges of climate disruption. Moreover, HB 3932 will not raise new impediments to beaver trapping, only 4% of which now takes place on public lands. All things considered, I urge you to do the right thing and support HB 3932.