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I support HB 3932. Oregon has over 300,000 miles of rivers and streams, and we have a huge pollution problem. Of the over 100,000 miles of flowing water assessed, 46% have been deemed polluted.

We have many issues in funding to deal within Oregon, and yet a simple and inexpensive natural solution is possible. If we allow beavers to live undisturbed on public streams and rivers, they will build, and importantly, maintain dams which will slow water flow, trap pollutants and allow them to be broken down by naturally occurring microbes in the bottoms of streams and rivers.

Please stop the trapping of beavers so they can provide an effective solution to pollution of our most precious asset, our water.