

Submitter:	Jim Harrison
On Behalf Of:	Please advance HB3932 and HB3143 to restore beaver
Committee:	House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic:	HB3932

Please advance HB3932 and HB3143. Both bills advance the restoration of beaver habitat and activity. Beavers historically ranged throughout Oregon, both wet and dry sides. They are natural engineers that can help with restoring and maintaining wetlands, even in the deserts, to the advantage of native plants and animals, introduced grazing animals and humans. This includes barriers to wildfires, more even stream flows through the year and a broader variety of species that can help improve even the non-riparian areas. Once they are successfully reestablished, they maintain the areas at minimal cost. HB 3143 allows the state to help support volunteer private landowners with some restoration costs. HB 3932 suspends trapping in waters that the DEQ has determined to be impaired and that science indicates increased beaver activity can help clean up.