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Only 46% of Oregon's big rivers and small streams have been assessed for water quality data, and 106,390 miles have been deemed impaired (Category 4 and 5 of DEQ's water quality classification). Based on DEQ's current data, the primary factors for a waterway to be deemed impaired are: high water temperature, sedimentation, dissolved oxygen level, bio-criteria (health of invertebrates and shellfish), toxins (along the coast).

Scientific research and literature have shown that beaver dam complexes and floodplains help to address four of these top five factors - they are nature's solution, and they tackle these issues free of charge.

HB 3932 seems like a dam good solution to an important problem in Oregon. Please support this bill.