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On Behalf Of:	
Committee:	House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
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I urge the support of this measure because beavers are not only the state animal, but also are incredibly important for the functioning of our ecosystems. Beavers are ecosystem engineers, building dams that help to improve water quality, reduce sedimentation, and restore the natural function of floodplains, which prevents flooding, helps create fire buffer zones, and help create habitat for other species, such as salmon and steelhead. Beavers are integral to the healthy ecological functioning of Oregon's waterways.

Sincerely, Alison Lay Cranston