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This bill is NOT about limiting beaver harvest and increasing beaver population. Instead, this bill would enable beavers to access waterways where they need to be and remain long enough to perform their ecosystem functions without getting trapped out. Beavers are truly a keystone species that helps our riparian systems thrive, creating habitat for smaller species whose survival depends on slower water, and their environments often thrive even when wildfire rips through an area because of all the water and moisture they have aggregated in their immediate area. It is imperative that we protect beavers now that we finally appreciate what they do for us, especially after we greedily extirpated them for their furs in the last century.