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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

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When beavers thrive, they benefit a host of other species, including human communities. Beavers improve stream health, increase climate resilience, and promote fire resistance. Please vote in favor of a vibrant ecosystem and a real chance of improvement within areas the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has determined have “impaired” water quality.

Nearly one-third of Oregon’s stream miles are listed as impaired, contending with elevated water temperatures and high levels of sedimentation, toxins or other pollutants. Research has shown that beavers are incredibly effective at improving water quality—if we leave them in peace to do their work. Please provide the protection they deserve.

Sincerely, Paul Borcharding