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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

We live in the Beaver State! The beaver is our state animal. I support HB 3932 because this bill offers many benefits to our state's public lands, as well as the fish, wildlife, and human communities that rely on them. It proposes restricting beaver trapping on public lands where our waterways are designated as impaired by DEQ. Water quality is a crucial environmental issue in Oregon.

HB 3932 would deal with this problem through a commonsense and tested solution: beaver dams that slow down water flow, filter pollutants, and improve water quality in general. According to the ODFW, beaver harvest from public lands accounts for just 4% of the reported total.

This bill is written and meant to protect the small number of beavers that exist presently on public lands. By allowing beavers to persist, this bill ensures that beavers can and will contribute to healthier waterways, improving water quality without the risk of being trapped out.