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I support HB 3932 as a cost-effective way of improving our water quality. Studies have confirmed that when beavers establish dams and lodges in streams, their complexes lead to lower water temperature and less sedimentation, among other benefits. This can be crucial to re-establishing and improving habitat for our native salmon and other aquatic wildlife. These other wildlife species may not have the same economic impact as salmon, but nonetheless are critical to the overall health of the ecosystem (e.g. fresh water mussels filter water).