

Submitter: Nicole Jackson

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

Dear Representative Marsh, Senator Gorsek, and Senator Golden,

My name is Nicole Jackson and I am a resident of West Linn, Oregon. I am writing to state my support of HB 3932.

To quote the Oregon Natural Desert Association, "When beavers thrive, they benefit a host of other species, including human communities. Beavers improve stream health, increase climate resilience, and promote fire resistance." I have seen this firsthand as a member of Friends of Willamette Wetlands. The Willamette Wetlands is West Linn's largest wetland and home to beavers, river otters, 130+ bird species and so much more. The beaver dam in the wetlands has played a critical role in providing quality habitat, including filtering the water from Bernert Creek as it makes its way into the Willamette River. The best part? It's a free service! When budgets and funding sources become a concern, let the beavers do what they do best to improve stream health. To take it one step further, let's recognize the root cause of degraded stream health and watersheds and make meaningful legislative changes to prevent human actions that harm our water quality at the source.

Thank you for sponsoring this bill and encouraging natural processes to improve our watersheds.

Nicole Jackson