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HB 3932 would temporarily close beaver trapping where they are needed most: on waters 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. Beavers supply the habitat for aquatic species to survive. I recall a trapper killing a Beaver on a large homes property on the Willamette River a few years ago. So sad to see the body of the beaver in his van. The beaver was building a dam in his culvert. I hope we can learn how to survive while not killing a species that really is important to our stream and river health.