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On Behalf Of: Self  
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932  
Chair Lively, Vice-Chair Gamba, Vice-Chair Levy, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of HB 3932.

HB 3932 will provide for a public lands closure for beaver hunting and trapping on those waterways that the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) classifies as impaired so that these aquatic mammals can provide their natural support of the ecosystem and and improve water quality.

This is a common sense, cost-effective proposal that leverages the natural engineering prowess of the beaver for critically impacted waterway restoration. The bill respects private property rights and allows for the taking of beaver on public lands in cases when beavers have damaged adjoining private lands. The bill provides an off-ramp for those 'success cases' when waterway quality has demonstrably improved on a sustained basis.

I have been a member of the Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) since returning to Oregon in 2015 and have been involved in grassroots efforts to protect critical landscapes and ecosystems within the Great Basin and on the Colorado Plateau for many years prior.

Thank you very much for your attention and your consideration of this legislation.

-Steve Corbato