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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

I write today in firm opposition to HB3932. In Oregon, we rely on the professional expertise of the ODFW Commission—appointed by Governor Kotek and approved by the Senate—to manage its wildlife resources effectively. This is a system our legislature established precisely to ensure science-based approaches are upheld.

At present, the beaver harvest is governed by regulations and informed by the ODFW Beaver Management Plan. Given that mandatory reporting has been in place for years, it is clear that we already track and manage beaver populations responsibly. HB3932 undermines these established protocols, adding a legislative burden to an issue that has been entrusted to knowledgeable wildlife experts.

By allowing the ODFW Commission to do the job it was formed to do, we ensure that resources are allocated responsibly and that informed decisions guide wildlife management. I urge you to oppose HB3932 for the benefit of Oregon's wildlife and broader conservation efforts.

Thank you for your consideration.