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I support protecting Oregon's beavers and streams. 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 support HB 3932, a common sense bill that prioritizes improving water quality in Oregon streams by protecting beavers.

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 are nature's solution, and they tackle these issues free of charge. Now THAT is efficiency!

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