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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and  
Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

Chair Lively, Vice-chairs Gamba and Levy and Committee Members,

Please support HB 3932 to allow beavers to help restore Oregon's thousands of miles of impaired waterways! Beavers are ecosystem engineers! Robust scientific evidence shows that beavers have many natural behaviors that benefit water quality, water table and aquifer restoration, and wetland habitat. We have over a hundred thousand miles of waterways that suffer from poor water quality, and limited resources to fix the problem all on our own. Luckily, beavers can help, and they'll do it for free if we allow them!

This bill is not about limiting beaver harvest or increasing beaver population, but it will enable beavers to access waterways where they need to be and remain long enough to perform their ecosystem functions. Please support HB 3932 — a natural and free solution to our state's water quality crisis.

Sincerely,

Emma Bartlett