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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

I'm a registered voter in Washington County, Oregon. I'm also a canoe paddler, kayaker, hiker, and birdwatcher. I'm writing in support of HB3932.

Scientific studies have shown that beavers and their works can improve water quality and wildlife habitat. (One of several: <https://esajournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/ecs2.4168>. Relocated beaver can increase water storage and decrease stream temperature in headwater streams. Ecosphere/Volume13, Issue 7). We, as a human society, need improved water quality and improved wildlife habitat, and we need to encourage such improvements. We should listen to the people who have taken the time and effort to study beavers (and other scientific issues) and follow their advice.

Or, just take it from the all-knowing google AI: "Yes, beaver dams can improve water quality by slowing water flow, allowing sediment and pollutants to settle, and creating wetlands that filter water, ultimately leading to cleaner and healthier downstream ecosystems."

Also, beavers are rather libertarian in their actions. They just want to do their thing and be left alone.

So this should be a win win. Beaver habitat gets improved, thus improving water quality and habitat for fish, birds, and other mammals. We, as taxpayers in Oregon, don't have to pay the Army Corps of Engineers to build dams and filter water. The Beavers will do it for free, if we just adopt the libertarian philosophy of leaving them alone.

Support HB3932.

Also, passing this bill into law has the potential to allow for even more scientific study of beavers, as suggested by the study I referenced above.

I'm asking you to pass this bill out of committee, and to support it becoming signed into law, during this current legislative session.

Thank you.

