

Submitter: James Kennedy

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

Dear Committee,

I am writing in support of HB 3932.

Our family has engaged in significant work and made substantial investments in restoring habitat for beavers, fish, and other wildlife on a fish-bearing creek that bisects our property in Ritter, Oregon. As nature's engineers, beavers restore watersheds and enable functioning ecosystems. We want the valuable assistance of beavers to help us achieve the environmental goals for our creek and help the countless animals and plants that rely on a healthy riparian area. For too long, the wanton killing and trapping of beavers has resulted in significant adverse consequences for riparian areas throughout Oregon. It is time to protect beavers so their benefits can be spread to more of Oregon's watersheds.

Sincerely,
Jim Kennedy
Ritter, Oregon