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Committee:	House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
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I am in support of HB 3932 because I have seen the beneficial work a beaver population has on ecosystem watersheds. There are several beaver dams on public land in the vicinity of my residence in Corvallis. The water behind the beaver dam stays all year, while slowly filtering back into the ground water. The engineering the beavers do on public land near Corvallis keeps the soil moist during summers that are becoming longer and hotter. The moist soil creates a fire break on public land. Beavers are a cost-effective way to manage landscapes in Oregon that are stressed from swings in climate from drought to floods. I strongly support the protection of beavers in Oregon waters and watershed and/or within 200 feet of the ordinary high-water mark because I have come upon shot up dead beavers on public land. A live beaver is far more beneficial to Oregonians because of positive beaver engineering influence on watersheds and waters. Thank you, Stacy Drake, Corvallis