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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

Chair and Members of the Committee, I strongly oppose HB3932. This legislation seeks to ban beaver trapping on state and federal lands—a proposal previously evaluated and rejected multiple times by our professional wildlife experts at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). The commission determined repeatedly that there is no consistent scientific evidence supporting such a blanket ban. Beaver management requires careful site-specific evaluations because their impacts vary significantly based on local ecological conditions. In some streams, beaver dams may indeed help lower water temperatures; in others, they can inadvertently create shallow pools that increase temperatures and negatively impact fish habitat. We must trust our wildlife professionals who have the expertise and responsibility to make these nuanced decisions. HB3932 unnecessarily politicizes wildlife management. Please respect science and professional expertise by voting NO.