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ODFW should have the ability to manage our wildlife based on the most current scientific research. Legislative management of wildlife through how the general public feels about a particular animal or practices only hurts the ability of ODFW to do their job. Consumptive uses of natural resources is part of the heritage of us all. If individuals choose not to engage with that aspect of their heritage, that's fine, but do not infringe on the rights of myself and others to do so without a targeted and scientific management plan from ODFW.

I am not a trapper but I am a hunter, fisher, and forager. Having the ability to take part in the life cycle of our natural world, as the multitude of other human animals have done for the entirety of our history, is the one thing that gives me the deepest connection to our land, water, plants and fellow animals. While trapping is currently in the category of an aspirational pursuit for me, I know that those who actively engage with it feel similarly to the way that I feel about how I choose to interact with my natural heritage. It is for these reasons that I am standing up for those who wish to pursue an understanding of self and place through consumption and active engagement with the natural world. I stand as a life-long Oregonian in opposition to HB-3932.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
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