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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

HB3932 disregards the scientific expertise and careful management already established by ODFW.

Having lived, worked, and found recreation opportunities on, in, and near wetland areas as a lifetime Oregonian, I have first hand experience and knowledge about the benefits of beaver activity in certain areas vs the damage caused by the same activity in other areas.

Beautiful ponds full of diverse flora and fauna in the forests is a very different situation than blocked culverts, and personal properties flooding due to beaver activity.

ODFW has done well to oversee management of the beaver population, as well as address property owners' concerns.

HB3932 will undermine the rights of Oregonians.

There is no "one size fits all" solution, and there should be no attempt to make one.

It is clear to me that no author or supporter of this bill has personal, first hand experience with the damage that can be caused, particularly in instances of overpopulation of these rodents (yes, they are beautiful, but more closely related to a rat than your pet cat...).

Please join me in saying NO to HB3932!