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On Behalf Of: OUSDA  
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and  
Wildfire  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I am writing to express my opposition to HB 3932 and any efforts to ban regulated beaver trapping in Oregon.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) data clearly show that trapping is not limiting beaver populations. Decisions regarding wildlife management should be guided by science and current data, not by public or political opinions. HB 3932 would undermine that principle by tying management decisions to an obsolete DEQ list, effectively hijacking the authority of ODFW and compromising sound conservation practices.

Furthermore, regulated trapping is not only a valuable management tool, but an essential funding source. License and excise-tax revenues from hunting, fishing, and trapping support 80% of Oregon's wildlife budget. Stripping managers of these tools risks stripping dollars from the very conservation efforts that protect all species and habitats.

Oregon already employs a balanced, science-based approach that prioritizes non-lethal solutions and allows for regulated harvest only when necessary. This framework has proven effective and responsible. We should not discard a system that works in favor of rigid legislation that ignores both data and the on-the-ground realities of wildlife management.

I urge you to reject HB 3932 and preserve the integrity of science-based wildlife conservation in Oregon.

Sincerely,  
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