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

Chair Golden and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of HB 3932. This proposal is essential to restoring natural processes that will help repair our degraded and polluted public waterways. Beavers provide important ecological functions - they support biodiversity, create habitat, enhance water quality by trapping sediment and removing pollutants, sustain stream flows and reduce peak flood flows, contribute to ecological resilience, and more.

ODFW's 2023 data showed that only 4% of beaver harvest is taking place on public lands. This is NOT about banning trapping or increasing their populations; rather, it is about allowing beavers to disperse to public lands and stay there long enough to perform their ecological functions without getting trapped out. I urge the committee to vote in favor of HB 3932. Thank you.

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