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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

I have spent many days appreciating Oregon's beautiful natural resources, and I'm sure you have as well. One of the most rewarding activities on a cold, rainy day is trapping beavers—an iconic and abundant species in our state. However, if HB 392 passes, trapping beavers on large areas of public land will be permanently banned. This would undermine the expertise of ODFW biologists, divert vital conservation funding, and potentially open the door to broader restrictions on hunting, fishing, and trapping.

There is no valid reason for this bill other than to erode our trapping heritage and the broader traditions of Western culture. I fully support science-based wildlife management policies. However, HB 392 is not grounded in science, is not recommended by biologists, and appears to be a political effort aimed at weakening our trapping and hunting traditions.

Please oppose HB 392.