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To the Senate Committee on natural resources.

I am a licensed fur harvester and Wildlife Control Operator through ODFW. I oppose HB 3932. Trappers report their catch to ODWF after every season. These numbers are public record. So few beaver are taken in the state compared to the overall population that trapping has virtually no effect on the states beaver population. The state already has regulations in place to protect furbearing animals like beaver from over harvest. This regulated harvest along with conservative trapping practices, which the Oregon Trappers Association promotes, allow for a portion of beavers to be taken while leaving plenty of them to provide environmental benefits they supply. Thank you for accepting my testimony.