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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and  
Wildfire

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

Please oppose and vote no on HB 3932A. As a longtime Oregon resident, this appears to be another legislative threat to undermine our science-based wildlife management practice and remove wildlife management from the very state department in charge of just that. Find permanent funding for ODFW and allow them to manage the people of Oregon's wildlife to the benefit of the wildlife, habitat and ALL residents of Oregon.

DEQ's water regulations to manage wildlife management lacks the necessary biological studies and research to justify its implementation. This creates indefinite bans on practices essential for maintaining our wildlife population and the biodiversity for the state. Prioritization must be given to evidence-based policies that align with the state's commitment to informed conservation regulation. It is imperative that we uphold the integrity of our wildlife management system; this legislation threatens to undermine our science-based wildlife management practices by restricting managed beaver harvests near impaired waterways reported by the DEQ and jeopardizes the delicate balance of our ecosystems.

This proposed legislation also contradicts existing Oregon laws by diminishing the role of professional wildlife oversight. Further, it jeopardizes vital conservation funding and disrupts the ecological balance we strive to maintain. By disregarding ODFW's evidence-based beaver management strategies and linking wildlife policies to water quality criteria that are not relevant to biological management, HB 3932A creates a pathway for perpetual restrictions without scientific justification and simply strives to stifle hunting/trapping and in favor of emotional responses over data-driven management decisions.

Oregon's wildlife management has always been predicated on constant species monitoring and adaptable strategies. Again, I urge you to vote NO on HB 3932A to ensure that our state continues to prioritize science-driven wildlife management practices.