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Testimony of Humane Voters Oregon on House Bill 3932  
Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire

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Chair Golden, Vice Chair Nash, and Members of the Committee:

Humane Voters Oregon is a nonprofit organization working in Oregon's political process and elections to promote the humane treatment of animals. We are not affiliated with any other state or national organization.

Humane Voters Oregon supports House Bill 3932.

HB 3932 would prohibit commercial and recreational killing of beavers on waterways with impaired water quality that go through public land, and on public lands within 200 feet of such waterways.

Humane Voters Oregon supports HB 3932 because it would improve water quality in impaired waterways, which would benefit many species of fish and wildlife. The bill would also lead to more humane treatment of beavers, which are still hunted and trapped for recreation and fur.

HB 3932 would improve water quality because, as shown by numerous studies cited in the record, beavers build dams, which reduce pollutants by filtering stream flows. In addition, beaver dams create ponds that saturate floodplains, which then store water for slow release downstream later in the year when streamflows would otherwise be too low. The hydrated floodplains also create healthy streamside vegetation that shades the water and prevents it from getting too warm in the summer and fall.

Thank you for considering our comments.

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