

Submitter: Phillip Callaway

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3932

Chair Lively, Vice Chairs Gamba and Levy, and members of the Committee:

I strongly support passage of HB3932.

Almost one third of Oregon's rivers and streams are designated by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) as "impaired", contending with high temperatures, high sediment loads and polluting substances that top DEQ's list of factors impairing our waterways . Beavers are nature's solution to address these issues that impair Oregon waterways, and they do it for free.

This bill is NOT about limiting beaver harvest and increasing beaver population. Instead, this bill would enable beavers to access waterways where they need to be, and allow them to remain long enough to perform their ecosystem functions without getting trapped out.

Please vote YES to pass HB 3932.

Sincerely,
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