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To the Legislators:

HB 3932, the Beavers and Water Quality Bill, must pass in the Oregon House. Land that is currently classified as impaired can be improved by nature's engineers. Their canal-digging and dam-building restore water tables by slowing flow and creating natural wetlands. Wetland filter toxins and improve habitats for wildlife. DEQ is required to restore these waterways, why not support beavers to help do it for free!

More than 2/3rd of surveyed waterways in Oregon (106,390 miles) are currently classified as "impaired". Closing hunting and trapping of beavers on those waterways on public lands can help address water quality issues. This is NOT about banning trapping or increasing beaver populations; rather it is about allowing beavers to disperse to public lands and stay there long enough to perform their ecological functions without getting trapped.

Please support this bill.

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