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Simply put: Beavers do more good in our State than otherwise. They need protection now in order to make their valuable contribution to Oregon's riparian areas.

That is why I support the passage of HB 3932.

HB 3932 would prohibit commercial and recreational killing of beavers on public lands in and near waterways with identified water quality problems.

Protecting beavers in these areas is important because the dams beavers build improve water quality by creating healthy floodplains and filtering pollutants.

Given all the benefits beavers provide, it does not make sense to let people hunt and trap beavers in these areas for recreation and fur.

Let's not allow the special interests of a few to take precedence over the what's good for the majority of Oregonians and our streams.