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Members of the Senate:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today. My name is Chris Lunn, and I am Vice President of the National Wildlife Control Operators Association (NWCOA), a professional organization representing thousands of wildlife management professionals nationwide, including many here in Oregon. I am here to voice strong opposition to HB3932. NWCOA firmly believes in science-based wildlife management—not management driven by emotion or ideology. Professional wildlife management relies on a balanced approach that uses both lethal and non-lethal tools, and the beaver is no exception. Beavers can cause significant damage to infrastructure, agricultural land, and private property, resulting in substantial costs to farmers, ranchers, and taxpayers when their populations are not properly managed. HB3932 would strip the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) of its longstanding authority and expertise in managing the state's wildlife resources, including beavers. ODFW biologists are trained to assess populations, habitat impacts, and the ecological role of species like the beaver, and they are best positioned to determine management strategies that ensure both conservation and practical coexistence. This bill not only undermines science-based management but will also shift the financial and logistical burden of beaver management onto landowners, farmers, and ranchers—many of whom are already under significant economic pressure. It will force increased reliance on taxpayer-funded solutions, creating inefficiencies and added costs at a time when resources are already stretched thin. NWCOA supports balanced, integrated wildlife management that maintains healthy ecosystems while protecting property, livelihoods, and public safety. By removing effective tools and limiting ODFW's ability to manage beavers based on science and field experience, HB3932 puts Oregon's residents, natural resources, and economy at risk.

For these reasons, NWCOA respectfully urges the Senate to oppose HB3932 and to continue supporting ODFW's authority to manage beaver populations using the full range of science-based wildlife management tools.

Thank you for your time and consideration