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Mr. Bob Estabrook
Committee Administrator
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Government Efficiency
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE, Room 453
Salem, Oregon 97301

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Re: HB 3172, Relating to evaluation of residential septic systems.

Dear Chair Holvey and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony concerning House Bill 3172, requiring the evaluation of septic systems at time of sale. The buyer needs a way to know the septic system details before they complete the sale.

I have a few concerns that I think need addressing:

- 1 Section 3(3)(b) needs defining. What is meant by a “field evaluation of all components”? Does that mean digging up the components, looking in the tank for flow-back from the leach field, or looking on the surface for signs of affluent rising to surface?
- 2 Does this evaluation report only go to the seller and the buyer? I would oppose sharing that information with DEQ or another level of government.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Huddle', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Huddle, Ed.D.