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Dear Senators,

As a land owner and water right user I see these bills as little else than another attack on the landowners of Oregon. I cannot see any good in these bills.

I do, however, foresee several negative results. Landowners, such as I, will drop water rights that are miniscule at best, meaning that they provide little more than stock and wildlife water. This results in loss of riparian areas that support wildlife of all kinds in areas already very delicate in their balance. This will also result in areas becoming more arid and subject to wildfires and erosion. It will also result in loss of income derived from using the water rights to irrigate, not for our own livestock, but for the pasture rental to others. Drilling wells to provide household water, much less for irrigation, is a horrendous burden on landowners and charging any fee for the use of the water is nothing short of legalized thievery. I strongly urge you to oppose both of these bills any, and every, way you can.

Respectfully,

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