

From: Joni
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2013 9:44 PM
To: Sen Dingfelder
Cc: Rep Bentz; Reiley Beth
Subject: SB 217 and SB 401

Dear Senator Dingfelder,

I'm writing to express my opinion regarding SB217. I'm sorry I was unable to attend your work session on Monday. I want you to know that I do not approve of your proposal to charge those with water rights in Oregon a tax or fee of \$100 a year. I know the legislature this year is scrambling everywhere they can for more money. I don't believe you should be able to charge for a "right". Our rights don't come from the government, they are to be protected by the government. Additionally, this fee or tax would be imposed on a "right" that has existed in some cases for 100 or more years. Now, all of the sudden, we must pay for a right?

Regarding SB 401 and the designation of "scenic" waterways primarily in Josephine County. This looks like an effort to devalue the land and limit the use of land owned by residents of Josephine County. I don't believe you have scientific data that indicates these water ways are being degraded in any way under the present laws. This legislation could and probably would place a hardship on those who own property close to and adjacent to these water ways. We already have laws and rules about set backs during logging and construction, about any activity that causes sediment, about creating an impoundment without a permit and so on. What are we trying to do here? Make life harder or maybe impossible for rural residents? Please don't!

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