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## Oregon Senate to Consider \$100 Water Right Fee

SALEM - On Monday, April 15, the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources will hold public hearings on Senate Bills 217 & 401. Work sessions (committee voting) have been scheduled for these bills on Wednesday, April 17. SB 217 imposes an annual management fee of \$100 on "each primary and each supplemental water right held for waters of this state" pursuant to a permit, certificate, decree, or registration. SB 401 designates certain Oregon waterways as scenic pursuant to the State Scenic Waterways Act.

Representative Cliff Bentz (R-Ontario) strongly opposes both of these bills. The \$100 annual fee set by SB 217 is arbitrary and unfair.

Dear Committee Administrator Beth Reiley,

Please do not encourage the Senators to vote for this bill in your committee. All people in Oregon use water, but not all people are served by municipalities. It is unfair to collect fees and taxes from the minority to benefit the majority and you should be sensitive to the needs of rural Oregonians.

The taking of land use rights through broad initiatives serves "who" exactly? Please do not speak in favor of passing these bills out of your committee.

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