



The Klamath Tribes Tribal Council

March 23, 2015

Chairman Chris Edwards
Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee
900 Court St. NE, S-411
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Klamath Tribes Support for SB 206 and 264

Dear Chairman Edwards:

The Klamath Tribes offer their support for Senate Bills 206 and 264 as amended. Alongside our partners to the Upper Klamath Basin Comprehensive Agreement and the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement, including the State of Oregon, the Klamath Tribes are working hard to implement the terms of the Agreements. These bills are a step in the right direction and will provide an important tool for us all to manage water uses more efficiently in the Klamath Basin. But our work is not done, for these Agreements to work it will be imperative that voluntary water right retirements are permanent and achievable under Federal and State law and should the inclusion of the sunset provision hinder this effort it should be reconsidered. We look forward to working with the State and our partners in the months to come on further implementing the Agreements.

Very truly yours,

Don C. Gentry, Chairman
Klamath Tribes

cc. Richard Whitman, GNRO

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