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Chair Chris Edwards, and Members of the
Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senator Edwards and Committee Members;

Deerhorn Community Water Association requests your support to pass HB2579 because:

1. The Oregon Drinking Water Section has many stringent rules and regulations that are sometimes hard to follow. We have done our best to meet their criteria, but always have doubts. We have provided safe potable water to approximately 120 homes in our service area for the last 46 years.
2. The members of our Association are aging and it's very difficult to find people with expertise in operating and managing a water system. Therefore we want to be able to contract for services to continue our service to the Deerhorn community.
3. Our organization is small and we don't have the equipment or manpower to properly maintain or upgrade our system as needed.

The passage of HB2579 would allow us (an ORS 62 organization) to enter into a contract with Rainbow Water District (an ORS 264 organization) for both administrative and maintenance services as needed in the near and long term.

Water Board President
Don Henry

