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Ms. Beth Patrino
Administrator, House Committee on Energy and Environment
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St.
Salem, OR

Re: HB 4125, Requires Oregon Health Authority to Analyze Ground Water Contaminant Data and Provide Education in Areas with Ground Water Contaminant Problems— Support, with Recommended Amendments

Dear Chair Representative Vega Pederson and Committee Members:

Central Oregon LandWatch supports HB 4125 but with the qualifiers and recommended changes by the Deschutes County Citizens Advisory Group.

Central Oregon LandWatch is a non-profit organization which has for 30 years advocated for protection of natural resources, for support of livable communities and for compliance with Oregon's land use rules in Central Oregon.

Ground water contamination issues are very serious and require for their solution both rigorous science and financial support for low and moderate income people to make any necessary improvements to septic systems.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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