

The City of Bend supports SB 1529A and thanks Senator Hansell, Representative McClain, and others for bringing this issue forward this session.

Most broadly, we support HB 1529A as a means of encouraging water conservation, which is particularly important when a municipal water provider needs to respond to climate change or emergency scenarios such as drought.

More specifically, HB 1529 allows a city to treat all water users equally and fairly in such circumstances. This is important as inequities can lead to disputes.

The City of Bend is committed to promoting water conservation, not just in emergency scenarios but as a general practice. Please visit <http://www.bendoregon.gov/index.aspx?page=1085> for examples of the numerous steps we take to address this issue.

We're always exploring new ways to encourage conservation, and with that in mind fully support SB 1529A.

Thank you and please let me know if you have questions.

Sincerely,
Erik Kancler