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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 2099.

Oregon, like other western states, is facing significant challenges for our water future. Population growth and a changing climate are already stressing communities, agriculture and the health of our fisheries and watersheds. We need to work together to meet these challenges.

The Governor's Natural Resources Office has been involved in discussions on the issues underlying HB 2099, and has encouraged the parties to work for solutions that meet the needs of communities and our fish and watersheds. While there are often no perfect solutions, it's the Oregon way to work together for Oregon's communities, environment and economy.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.