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Chair Helm and Members, House Committee on Energy and Environment:

The following is my testimony in opposition to HB 2705, HB 2706 and HB 2707, for your hearing on March 22, 2017.

HB 2705

The cost, maintenance and protection of measurement devices would be handled by users with only a statement to “Encourage...” federal, state and local coordination and cooperation. These devices have not been proven as critical to water management. Furthermore, the \$500 per day penalty would be excessive and financially destructive to those who have done nothing wrong except to maybe err if this bill is passed.

Please vote No on HB 2705.

HB 2706

There is no proven need to impose a fee for primary or supplemental water right. This would increase the expense of rights which is already covered by our tax monies into the special Operating fund.

Please vote No on HB 2706.

HB 2707

Please use the regular appropriations and do not add specific funding to the Water Resources Department. We must not keep increasing budgets with special funds.

Please vote no on HB 2707.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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