

House Committee on Energy and Environment  
HB 2705 and HB 2706  
March 22, 2017

Chair Helm and Members of the Committee:

We are a small cow/calf operation in the John Day Valley. The positions of our hay fields requires four pumps for irrigation and two for dwellings.

Our electric expenses run in the thousands of dollars during a haying season and continues at \$38 for each pump while they are not being used.

You cannot reasonably expect us to remain in business if you add the extra fees you are contemplating.

Cattle prices are down, hay prices are down and we are struggling to stay above break even.

Robert Chouinard