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**To:** HEE Exhibits  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support of House Bills 2705, 2706, and 2707

Dear House Committee on Energy and the Environment.

I am a native Oregonian concerned about the issue of preserving and efficiently using our state's limited water resources. I spent 32 years involved in these issues on a federal level as an attorney for the Interior Department. Each of the above proposed bills offer practical, common sense solutions to management and conservation of state public resources. I particularly like the concept of water right users paying a minimal fee to support the cost of management. Reporting actual water used might be a small inconvenience, but how else to understand, monitor, and develop a data base for water consumption? As a lifelong fisherman, summertime minimal flows have long been a concern, and better monitoring of instream water rights is a requisite.

Please support these bills.

Thank you,

Michael Drais

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