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I support 2705 and 2706. Developing wise policy without metrics is impossible. If OWRD and the Legislature don't know how much water is diverted to human use, the legislature cannot write policy and OWRD cannot manage the resource.

Requiring water rights users to pay \$100 per year is a drop in the bucket. The water is state owned. The holder of the water rights should pay a user fee for administering the water rights program. I pay the city of Bend \$100 per month to water my lawn. It's time for water rights holders to pay administrative costs. The free ride needs to end.

It is good for operations and it will weed out those who don't want to pay for rights they are not putting to beneficial use.

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