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Chairman Helm and House and Energy Committee Members,

I will be brief. HB 2705 and 2706 seem to be an attempt at creating a solution to a problem that doesn't exist. It is my understanding that the Water Resources Department has a 98% user compliance rate with water rights and regulations. There is an old saying here in the country, "If it ain't broke, don't try and fix it."

I think what we need to focus on is how to support and encourage more upland storage. That would benefit the whole state--in-stream flows , fish and wildlife, recreation, agriculture, stream health, etc.

Our irrigation district has the oldest "reservation of water for future economic development" in the state. We would welcome any help we can get from the legislature. After a good snow pack, it is hard to watch the loss of thousands of acre feet of water that could be stored and put to beneficial use running off to the ocean. Let's focus our attention where it will do the most good.

Thank you.

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