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We support HB 2705, 2706, and 2707.

Oregon needs to measure existing water use to be able to develop a sustainable water use program. Without reliable data, how would we know if there is sufficient water for all users?

Groundwater withdrawals, in some basins, are already exceeding sustainable pumping levels. Without more basin wide studies, how can we know which basins can support additional pumping? How will we know which basins are overused (depletion exceeds replenishment)?

The Water Resources Department has been chronically under funded. To be able to manage our precious and limited water resources, the WRD needs stable and sufficient funding.

Thank you for giving serious consideration to supporting HB 2705, 2706 and 2707.

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