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**Subject:** Re: Water Rights Written Testimony

House Bills 2705, 2706, 2707

On Wed, Mar 22, 2017 at 10:26 AM, HEE Exhibits <[HEE.Exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov](mailto:HEE.Exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov)> wrote:

Mr. Gallagher,

Please specify which bill(s) you would like your testimony attributed to. Thank you!

**From:** Ed Gallagher [mailto:[ejgall1111@gmail.com](mailto:ejgall1111@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017 10:08 AM  
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**Subject:** Water Rights Written Testimony

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for your service and commitment to the Oregon environment.

I have water rights to the Mary's River, and rarely use them. The proposed bill mandating a fee, and installation/monitoring of meters is well intentioned by way premature.

I would support the study legislation, if funds could be found. But to draft a bill because "Oregon" has a "water shortage" is so vast and broad and one-dimensional as to be completely useless and ineffective.

Please invest in research and data collection before imposing an ill-advised one-size-fits-all political panacea.

This is an important topic that should not be prematurely force fed to Oregonians, who in fact more than share your concerns.

Thank you.

Ed Gallagher

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