

Testimony in Opposition of HB 2705 and HB 2706

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on these bills. I am testifying as a rancher and water user, but also as an owner of a company that designs and installs water measuring systems. My objection to HB2705 is related to the cost and time required for the reporting component of this bill. I also question the need for this legislation as to what it will do for the resource. Measuring systems that have a high accuracy rate along with the recording capability will cost thousands of dollars per site and the maintenance of these systems that will add an annual cost if they are to remain accurate. Data collection, data analysis and computation, and data submittal will only add another burden that agriculture doesn't have time or money for.

My opposition to HB2706 also is related to cost, mostly because the bill doesn't spell out the service I will receive for the fee, with the number of certificates I work under I will be paying \$1000 per year. In closing thank you again for the opportunity for input. In reality I shouldn't have a problem with HB 2705, the potential is there for me to make a lot of money selling water measuring systems, yet it is a bad bill for agriculture, and in my opinion does nothing for the resource.

Thank you,



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