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Committee Members:

I am writing to urge you to fully fund POP 108, which would help ODFW do critical work to manage and protect Oregon's water resources.

We all depend on surface water and ground water for our agriculture, drinking water, and habitat, and we are currently not doing even an adequate job of protecting those water resources. Oregon's drinking water, habitat for fish, and agricultural economy absolutely depend on our surface and ground water, neither of which have the basic protections in place to manage them, or to know either how much we have or how much we are consuming each year. I strongly support full funding of the ODFW Water Quality/ Quantity Program, POP 108, and oppose any cuts to ODFW's Water Program. We've left this program woefully underfunded for too long already.

My siblings and I are 4<sup>th</sup> generation ranch owners on the southern Oregon coast, and I was a member of the advisory group for the update of Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy. Both roles convince me it is urgent we improve our basic knowledge about, and management and protection of, our surface and ground water resources.

Thank you for your consideration!

Mary Wahl