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Dear members of the Committee:

Please support HB 5422; we need better management of Oregon's water.

As a "native born" Oregonian, avid angler, and voter, I enjoy recreation in Oregon's wonderful outdoors--particularly in and around water. We also drink water. As a result, legislation impacting Oregon's water supply interests us.

HB 5422 includes funds for better and more extensive groundwater studies. For better management, Oregon needs to know more about water resources, thus needs more studies done faster to know and manage current and future condition of Oregon's groundwater supply. Oregon lags far behind in knowledge of water supply and needs a lot more comprehensive studies in major watersheds right now. As an angler, I know Oregon's groundwater depletion impacts surface flow for fresh water fish, our drinking water, and wildlife. It also impacts existing water users.

HB 5422 would also enhance water management in the field by adding more regional managers and hydrotech team members. I urge you to support this, too.

Lastly, I urge you not to increase--*not cut*--funding for programs that benefit *all* Oregonians (rather than those which benefit only certain private interests), including more groundwater studies, more observation wells, and more gauging stations.

Thank you in advance,

Sincerely,

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