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To the Committee:

Water is the most important element for all life. We have spent decades cleaning up horribly polluted rivers and lakes in Oregon to the benefit of all living creatures. Please keep us headed in the direction of conserving and protecting all our watersheds and aquifers. There is nothing more important for all of us now and in the future.

As a swimmer, birder, and kayaker, I can personally attest to the improvement in water quality in the Willamette River. As kids in the 50's we swam in it, trying to avoid clumps of sewage because we didn't know any better. Now raw sewage is no longer a problem. That's progress!
There is NOTHING more important than water quality to spend our taxpayers dollars on.

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