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Honorable members of the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources:

I want to express support for HB 5542, and specifically for Packages 101 and 105.

The legislature should increase funding for studies to increase our understanding of the current condition and future resiliency of our state's groundwater supplies. The state should commit to completing comprehensive studies for key watersheds in the near future. The legislature should enhance water management in the field by adding three assistant regional managers and bolstering the hydrotech team. Watermasters are critical for on the ground management of water rights — both instream and out-of-stream.

I also ask that the legislature do not cut funding for critical management functions including, specifically, funding for: A) groundwater studies, B) observation wells, and C) gauging stations. Programs that benefit all Oregonians, as opposed to private interests, should not be at the top of the cut list.

I'm a native Oregonian, a fisherman, a boater, a person that likes and supports clean running water. Please support HB 5542.

Sincerely,

Peter Murray