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Dear Joint Ways and Means subcommittee:

Please support SB 5542 and its provisions to assure our rivers and river ecosystem and the fish and wildlife that depend on them are healthy and well managed. Without knowledge we can't manage properly.

The story in the Oregonian was a huge wake up call to me about the very sorry lack of knowledge about the state of our groundwater resources, the over-appropriation of that water in unsustainable ways, the lack of adequate staff and funding resources that would improve the situation, and studies and wells and gauging stations to know what's happening with this crucial public resource.

This bill would address these deficiencies, specifically, please support package 101 in the bill and package 105 in the bill.

Also please sure there is adequate funding for the studies, wells and gauging stations that we need.

Thank you.

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