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I am resending this comment because there was an initial mistake on the number of the bill I was requested to comment on.

Please read my comments below on providing adequate funding for groundwater studies for Oregon.

Donna Harris

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Please support house bills that increase funding for groundwater studies in this state and increase the number of water masters tasked with analyzing Oregon's water supply. After reading the Oregonian's investigative report revealing that Oregon is drawing more water for all uses, especially for irrigation, faster than it is being recharged by nature is cause for alarm.

Every Oregonian and all animals, wild and domesticated, cannot do without water. As an avid outdoor enthusiast who primarily enjoys witnessing wildlife, whether it be birds or mammals, while hiking along or kayaking in our lakes and creeks and rivers, I cannot envision our state being devoid of this wildlife if we cannot stop waste of our water supply. We all need to be educated on conservation of this impacted natural resource. This conservation effort includes not only our domestic uses but also industrial and agricultural uses.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Harris, D.V.M.

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