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I am writing in support of SB 5422.

Groundwater in our aquifers is one our Nation's and state's most important natural resources. Groundwater is the source of about 33 percent of the water that county and city water departments supply to households and businesses. The 3 M's -- monitoring, measuring and managing ground water is critical everywhere, and especially in Oregon where supplies are unknown and or over utilized. I've worked my entire career on fish and wildlife restoration and we must maintain the balance between humans and the critters in our state that depend on water for life. Please maintain and support enough funding to measure, staff and study ground water so we keep enough instream and out of stream to meet our high demand needs.

Thank you!

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