


Senate Environment and Natural Resources committee 5/31/17
Bob Oleson for Association of NW Steelheaders---HB 2099
Re Municipal Water Management Changes

Chair Dembrow and committee members:

The first purpose for being here is to thank you for the attention you are giving to this over reaching bill. The scope and precedent which would be established by this proposal are very troublesome to many of the involved parties.

Based on past testimony, it is clear some cities do not deserve the benefits that would be afforded by this measure; however, in at least one or two cities there appeared to be some legitimate problems which could require changes in rules or statutes. If there are affected permits genuinely needing attention now is the time to discuss those few specific situations.

Here in Oregon we are living in an era of increased population pressures and climate challenges. This is not a time to systematically reduce water management planning. Enacting the original version of this bill would be bad news for our rivers and fisheries. Accordingly, we would request you compress and fix this bill or set it aside. Thank you.



*It appears
the proposed
amendments
improve the bill.*