

Oregon Association of Water (OAWU) Utilities Summary Points regarding SB27

OAWU represents greater than 700 members with approximately 500 of the members being utilities from large and small cities, districts, coops and private water companies

- OAWU supports the OHA-DWP and believes that a healthy and pro-active drinking water program is critical to continued safe drinking water in Oregon
- The Drinking Water Program and funding should be made a priority by and through the State of Oregon
- OAWU supports a varied fee charge for services appropriate to population/connections and usage, but is concerned that SB27 fees may be considered a tax as proposed. Additionally, OAWU recognizes the challenges of increased fees and costs all utilities face, and especially so with small utilities, regarding affordability and impact to budgets
- OAWU wishes to understand and participate with OHA-DWS in their long term priorities/requirements to maintain primacy, funding of the program and staffing plan
- There appears to be little or no definition nor parameters describing possible future increases as presented.

OAWU does not support SB27 as proposed.

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