



To: Members of the House Energy and Environment Committee  
From: Paige Spence, Oregon Conservation Network  
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**RE: OCN Support for HB 2623**

Chair Helm and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on HB 2623. On behalf of our thousands of members and supporters in Oregon, we would like to register the Oregon Conservation Network's strong support.

The Oregon Conservation Network (OCN) is coordinated through the Oregon League of Conservation Voters. OCN is a coalition of 34 not-for-profit organizations throughout the state, united to advocate for pro-conservation legislation and to fight policies that threaten our state's natural legacy. OCN is powered by tens of thousands of Oregonians who belong to their membership organizations. We work to promote policies that will ensure a better Oregon for our children, and to fight policies that do not.

In 2016, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released a final report, "Hydraulic Fracturing for Oil and Gas: Impacts from the Hydraulic Fracturing Water Cycle on Drinking Water Resources."<sup>1</sup> In this report, EPA listened to the science, stakeholders, and the recommendations of the experts on the Scientific Advisory Board. The report acknowledged what far too many communities across this country already knew all too well to be true – hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") is a threat to our clean drinking water. We know that more must be done to reduce the impacts that increased fracking operations are having on our air, water, health, and climate.

The Oregon Conservation Network supports HB 2623 and we urge the members of this Committee to do the same.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-12/documents/hfdwa\\_executive\\_summary.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-12/documents/hfdwa_executive_summary.pdf)