



Testimony by City of Wilsonville Mayor Tim Knapp to Support HB 2944:

Public Water-Systems Representatives Should Be Included in Proposed Task Force on Oregon Domestic Use Water Supply

Scheduled for public hearing on March 14, 2019, before the House Committee on Energy and Environment

Chair Helm, Vice-Chairs Reschke and Schouten, and Members of the Committee:

The City of Wilsonville supports with a minor amendment HB 2944, which would create the Task Force on Oregon Domestic Use Water Supply under the aegis of the Water Resources Department.

The City of Wilsonville has expertise in many aspects of water processing. The City operates a domestic water-treatment facility along the Willamette River that supplies 45,000 residents of the communities of Sherwood and Wilsonville and an extensive array of businesses, including a major beverage bottling operation.

Wilsonville is working with the City of Hillsboro and the Tualatin Valley Water District on the \$1 billion Willamette Water Supply Project that is to supply water to an additional 400,000 metro-area residents and businesses in Washington County.

The City of Wilsonville also operates a fully compliant, state-of-the-art wastewater treatment facility along the Willamette River, and works with Oregon Department of Environmental Quality on stormwater-related issues.

The City highly recommends amending Section 1(2)(c)(C) regarding “Five members who are knowledgeable about Oregon’s domestic use water supply” to specify that “three of the five members represent public water systems that serve populations respectively under 10,000, 10,000 to 50,000, and over 50,000 residential customers.”

Cities and urbanized areas are the primary location of residence for Oregonians and deserve to have representation on this state task force.

The City of Wilsonville respectfully urges passing HB 2944 with a minor amendment. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Knapp". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tim Knapp, Mayor
City of Wilsonville