



May 15, 2019

RE: Senate Bill 935 – Landscape Contractor Modified License, Support of -2 Amendments

Chair Barker and Members of the House Committee on Business and Labor:

Tualatin Valley Water District (TVWD), a water provider to over 220,000 residents of Washington County, strongly supports the -2 amendments to Senate Bill 935 which eliminates all provisions to perform irrigation work by individuals that hold the new landscape contractor modified license. **We urge you and your fellow legislators to adopt SB 935-2 in support of the sound stewardship of Oregon’s vital water resources.**

TVWD also encourages you to review the written record of meeting materials that can be found on the Oregon Legislative Information System. A significant amount of testimony from licensed landscape contractors, regional water conservation organizations, individual cities and water districts, the Oregon Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, and educators in landscape and irrigation design highlights the sound, logical, and financial reasoning for opposing SB 935 as introduced and adopting these amendments.

Furthermore, adoption of SB 935-2 and removal of the irrigation provisions supports public health protection measures by retaining critical safeguards for the communities we serve. The proper installation of irrigation systems combined with state required backflow protection are critical to protect public health and water resources.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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