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House Water Committee,

The City of Yamhill, Oregon opposes Bill HB 4043. Limiting local authority over water infrastructure.

The placing of limits on local authority over water infrastructure is unacceptable. This bill would make it more difficult for the City to select pipe and piping materials that are most appropriate for drinking water and wastewater projects.

It is imperative that the City of Yamhill's ability to select the most appropriate pipe should supersede requirements to purchase lowest-cost materials that may not meet the unique needs of the water system. With limited budget and staffing the City need to be able to consider life-cycle costs, soil conditions, past performance of certain pipe materials, seismic and wildfire resilience, water conservation and water/wastewater system continuity.

Sincerely,

Mayor Yvette Potter

City of Yamhill, Oregon