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Dear Legislators,

We are writing in support of HB 4069. We are concerned about the future of water management in Oregon for the sake of our (and all Oregonian's) children and grandchildren.

Water use data is essential for smart water management in Oregon and a key piece of the state's water future. Collected and reported data is needed to:

- Understand surface water availability: Water use data is used to refine WRD's water availability model, which is used to evaluate whether new permits can be issued.
- Protect existing water right holders from injury in water right transactions: Historical water use data is used to support injury determinations for proposed water right transfers, permit amendments and voluntary leases.
- Manage groundwater: Water use data is critical to responsible management of Oregon's groundwaters – for the environment and for drinking water and agriculture.

The importance of water use data has been highlighted in the state's Integrated Water Resources Strategy. Measurement and reporting provides a solid foundation for the state to make smart water decisions that help everybody. The data will protect existing water right holders, facilitate planning for future water supplies, help bring accountability and basic equity to Oregon's water future and help prevent prevent time consuming and costly conflicts.

Thank you for your time and attention.  
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