



## OLAWA'S Testimony in Favor of House Bill 4069

My name is Paul Lipscomb, I live just outside of Sisters Oregon, and I am the Vice President of OLAWA, the Oregon Land and Water Alliance. OLAWA is a 501c3 corporation that educates and advocates for sound public policy related to land use and water use issues in Central Oregon and throughout the State of Oregon. I have been authorized by the Board of Directors of OLAWA to submit this letter on its behalf.

We are in favor of House bill 4069 as introduced, but we oppose the -3 amendments.

The waters of Oregon belong to all the people of Oregon and that water is held in trust for our public by the State of Oregon acting through the legislature. Water usage data is critical to the fair and efficient management of water usage to ensure that the legislature's public trust duties are fairly and efficiently exercised. But measurement alone is not effective unless those measurements are reported to the state Water Resources

Department so that data can be compiled and used in the process of managing the public's water with efficiency, and without waste.

Frankly, it makes no sense for the state of Oregon to require water to be measured unless the state has efficient and economical access to the measurement data, which is why we support 4069 as introduced, and oppose the -3 amendments.

Thank you for giving our concerns your attention when considering this bill.

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