

OLAWA'S Testimony in Favor of House Bill 4077

My name is Eva Eagle, I live just outside of Sisters Oregon, and I am the Secretary 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 4077 as introduced.

In the Sisters area, many residents get our water from domestic wells. It is essential that buyers have confidence in the quality of the well water when considering a home purchase, so it is important to require that well water be tested by the seller and that the testing be done in an accredited laboratory. HB4077 reinforces this requirement and adds the testing for total coliform bacteria, which is associated with a majority of disease outbreaks related to private wells.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on this bill.

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