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To: House Committee on Water; others

**Re: I SUPPORT [HB 3242]...Groundwater availability studies should be more frequent.**

[HB 3242] is way over due but, will the U.S. Geological Survey's "Advisory committee" be sufficient for a comprehensive analysis of the status of groundwater basins in Oregon? Will \$250,000 be enough?

Groundwater studies should be made more frequent due to increased pressures on groundwater by the drilling of water wells to service residential development in the rural areas.

**\*Marijuana / Hemp growing and processing require tremendous amounts of water.**

\*The farming of Marijuana / Hemp must reviewed as to the dramatic use of groundwater.

**\*Marijuana / Hemp growing and processing should have "No" groundwater access.**

There is a significant threat to the Aquifer serving Chehalem Mountain and surrounding areas.

View the aforementioned Aquifer here: <https://savechehalemmountain.com/home/aquifer-information/>

I have concerns the Water Resources Department is understaffed.

**I appreciate and respect the efforts of the Water Resources Department.**

*Respectfully submitted,*

/s/ David S. Wall

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