

Food & Wildlife for the Future

February 9, 2021

Oregon House Committee on Water Representative Ken Helm Chairman Salem, Oregon

Re: HB 2244 February11th, Public Hearing

Dear Chairman Helm,

Water For Life, Inc objects to HB 2244 as it eliminates an individual's ability to file a petition for Judicial review of an order from either the Oregon Water Resources Department or the Oregon Resources Commission. Without the ability to file for judicial review, irrigators are deprived of property rights without due process. In the Brooks vs. Byler case Marion County Circuit Judge Claudia Burton ruled that the Oregon Water Resources Department violated the due process rights of irrigators Troy and Tracy Brooks.

Sincerely,

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