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February 2, 2022

Representative Pam Marsh
Chair, House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
900 Court Street NE, H-474
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: HB 4057 – Support of sprinkler efficiency standards

Dear Chair Marsh and Members of the Committee:

The Regional Water Providers Consortium (RWPC), a group of 25 water providers located in the Portland, OR region, supports HB 4057, requiring spray sprinklers to meet minimum energy efficiency standards.

HB 4057 contains a provision to require an integral pressure regulator for spray sprinklers which allows them to use water more efficiently. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, outdoor watering accounts for about 30% of household water use. Inefficient sprinkler systems are responsible for wasting water due to overwatering. Water supplies in Oregon are stressed and should be used as efficiently as possible.

The RWPC has implemented regional water conservation programs for over 20 years, encouraging efficient outdoor water use. We work collaboratively with the landscape community to support efficient outdoor water use and water efficient landscape practices. The RWPC and its members have also supported the EPA WaterSense program since its inception in 2007. This measure would help ensure that all spray bodies sold in Oregon would meet WaterSense's efficiency standards starting in January 2023.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Consortium Managing Director Rebecca Geisen at 503-823-7493.

Respectfully,

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