

I OPPOSE [HB 3097] WITH EXTREME PREJUDICE!

[HB 3097] will serve to undermine a "Water Right" for hydroelectric power generation for a municipality.

Taken from the "Text of [HB 3097], [Page (1) at Lines (10-16)] states,

"...(b) A municipal corporation or people's utility district, as defined in ORS 261.010, may apply to the department for a certificate to use water for hydroelectric purposes within an artificial delivery system even if the municipal corporation or people's utility district is not the holder of the underlying water right, if the municipal corporation or people's utility district obtains from the holder of the underlying water right, and provides to the department with the application, a written statement authorizing the municipal corporation or people's utility district to use the water for hydroelectric purposes."

AND

[Page (4) at Lines (40-45)] and [Page (5) at Line (1)] state, "...SECTION 2. On or before December 31, 2024, to implement the amendments to ORS 543.765 by section 1 of this 2023 Act, the Water Resources Department may amend OAR 690-051-0050 (5)(b), if needed, to require that a municipal corporation or people's utility district that applies for a certificate to use water for hydroelectric purposes within an artificial delivery system as described in ORS 543.765 (1)(b) must provide the department with a written statement from the holder of the underlying water right authorizing the municipal corporation or people's utility district to use the water for hydroelectric purposes...".

AND

"The complete Text [Page (5) at Lines (2-16)] simply "stinks to high Hell."

[HB 3097] destroys the environment, causes irreparable damage to water systems, promotes and encourages "water thievery" under the auspices of Authority.

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