

I OPPOSE [HB 3130]...as written.

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023R1/Measures/Overview/HB3130>

The "Text of [HB 3130]" states, "... SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Water Resources Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$, which may be expended for funding a staff position at the department, or contracting with a qualified entity, to:

- (1) Advise local communities concerning voluntary agreements among ground water users from the same ground water reservoir, as described in ORS 537.745;
- (2) Assist the communities with development of the voluntary agreements; and
- (3) Assess the opportunities and limitations of the voluntary agreements."

*Oregon has a "water problem" predicated upon ground water uses for: cities, farmers, ranchers and rural residents. Ranchers.

*The days of using [ORS 537.745]: https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_537.745 pertaining to "voluntary agreements" should concern the Legislature.

***"Voluntary agreements" may be unenforceable; entered into by persons with "No" subject matter expertise, and can be influenced by political appointments to the voting membership on the Water Resources Commission. The "Voluntary Agreements" rely on the conduct of people of good character. Sadly, there are some people who do not have a good character and therein lies an intractable problem rendering [ORS 537.745] problematic.

*Below is information you could use in the deliberative process:

Oregon Water Resources Commission:

<https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/aboutus/commission/pages/default.aspx>

Oregon Water Resources Department:

Groundwater allocation Project Update Report [November,18 (2021)]:

https://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/misc/vault/vault.aspx?Type=WrdNotice¬ice_item_id=11173

Of future import, review, the "Oregon Desalination Authority" below:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2867/Introduced>

*** Consider declaring, "**A moratorium on community developments**" be immediately implemented throughout the state" due to drought conditions influencing depletion rates of groundwater for potable and agricultural uses.

The "Open-ended GENERAL FUND" allocation is the, "Kiss of Death" for my support of [HB 3130].

An estimate of the cost(s) of [HB 3130] would be helpful to the deliberative process.

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Mr. Oregon Concur... "A moratorium on community development" works for me.