

I OPPOSE [HB 3211]...Where's the Funds needed to support [HB 3211]? Maybe, up St Creek?**

From the "Summary of [HB 3211]": Authorizes holder of water right certificate that authorizes storage of water for municipal use to change authorized point of diversion and place of use without losing priority of right under specified circumstances. Provides that authorization applies to applications for change filed after effective date of Act and before January 1, 2026."

The "Text of [HB 3211]" states, "...Water Resources Department Water Supply Fund for design, environmental permitting and construction of a seismically sound replacement dam...."

Question: Have you allocated more Funds to the Water Resources Department? There is potentially many jurisdictions who are going to apply for this privilege.

Question: Have you Deposited more Funds into the "Water Supply Fund?" By the way, why should taxpayers be compelled to have their tax money to subsidize a prosperous community they could not even buy a house to enjoy the Municipality's water?

Question: Will the "environmental permitting" include comprehensive analysis's of the water itself and the wildlife therein?

There were "No" budgetary allocations for this program. Neither to the Water Resources Department and to Deposit Funds into the Water Supply Fund. Why?

There was "No" thought as to the necessity to Fund the Water Resources Department needs for more resources- which includes necessary staff increases. Why?

So, what's a citizen to think, tax money well spent or thrown to the winds?

Maybe the citizen might think, why bail-out Newport? I'm not going there.

Will tax dollars come from siphoned-off funds, as indicated in **[HB 3195 (2023)]** for Deposit in the Water Supply Fund? Or, is the GENERAL FUND used to allocate the necessary funding?

As you might recall, **[HB 3195 (2023)]** if Enrolled, allows raiding the Water Pollution Control Funding.

If you would have done your homework...well, you didn't so, we'll leave it like that.

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Mr. Oregon Concur... We're the ones who "loses', taxpayers are compelled to pay for this crap.

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