



March 23, 2023

Oregon State Legislature
House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: House Bill 2929-2

Chair Helm, Vice-Chairs Hartman and Owens, and Honorable Members of the House
Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water:

On behalf of the Oregon Chapter Sierra Club's 74,000 members and supporters, we appreciate this opportunity to submit written testimony in support of HB 2929-2. We strongly urge you to vote YES to advance this bill. We appreciate this opportunity to provide written testimony on HB 2929-2.

HB 2929-2 amends ORS 537.781 to give the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) authority to seek injunctive relief when the OWRD has information that someone has engaged or is about to engage, in activity that is or will be a violation of certain Oregon water laws.

The Sierra Club supports HB 2929-2, a commonsense approach to ensure the lawful use of the public's water. This bill allows the ORWD to seek a court injunction to immediately stop illegal water use and remedy any effects of the violation. HB 2929-2 gives the Oregon Water Resources Department an important tool to protect our rivers, streams, aquifers, and law-abiding water users from the effects of illegal water use.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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