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Testimony in support of: House Bill 2765: Relating to treated wastewater discharged by the South Suburban Sanitary District; declaring an emergency.

Submitted to: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Dear Chair Helm Vice-Chairs Hartman and Owens and members of the committee,
My name is Gregory Charles Davis Sr. I am Retired Civil Railroad Construction. Home owner 8353 Arant Road Klamath Falls Oregon 978603.

We have been dealing with water issues in the Klamath Basin. Our home water source is a well and we are working with a local contractor to drill a new well due to the drought conditions.

I am also a avid hunter and have been hunting Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge and Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuge for over 50 Years.

It has become a disgrace to see what has been allowed to take place with the diversion of needed water to both refuges and the impact on migration of geese, eagles, and other birds.

HB 2765 Using the natural environment rather than a pipeline to convey water will save citizens approximately \$20 million, and also avoid disturbing 9 miles of environment to lay the pipe.

We are already facing difficult financial times just trying to meet our rising cost of living and to strap a additional \$20 million burden on our community is a real impact to us all.

HB 2765 will enable fully treated wastewater to be reused for instream flows (between the point of discharge and the point where water will be taken out), in addition to the wastewater also being reused to support wildlife refuge habitat.

If any of you have had the opportunity to see what the lack of water and the impact on our wildlife within the Klamath Basin Area has done then you will understand this House Bill 2765 definetly will be a win for all of us citizens as well as our invironment and wildlife.

I respectfully encourage you to vote YES on HB 2765.

Respectfully,

Gregory Charles Davis Sr.