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Hello Chair Helm, Vice-Chair Hartman, Vice-Chair Owens, members of the committee,

For the Record I am Representative Bobby Levy from House District 58, and I support House Bill 2765.

Klamath County faces a severe water shortage that is not going to be fixed overnight. What can be fixed right now is support for the work of the South Suburban Sanitary District in Klamath Falls.

The SSSD is located in Klamath Falls and encompasses 10 square miles, serving a population of 25,000 people. House Bill 2765 would allow the district to use and sell treated wastewater it discharges under certain conditions. The district currently discharges approximately 1.5 million gallons of treated wastewater per day, which can help offset the devastating impacts of a severe multi-year drought. The alternative is a \$20 million pipeline project that the district and its ratepayers will never be able to afford.

I urge the Committee to support this legislation to alleviate the impact of the drought in Klamath County.

Best,
Rep. Bobby Levy, HD 58