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On Behalf Of: NOWA

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

Measure: HB3368

Chair Helm, Vice-Chair Hartman, Vice-Chair Owens and members of the Committee:

Following review of HB 3368 with the -2 amendments, The Northeast Oregon Water Association (NOWA) is changing our position on this bill from neutral to opposition. We feel this bill needs significant work to address basins/regions such as the Mid-C/Umatilla Basin region that are beyond assessment and undertaking implementation phase(s) of water sustainability efforts. Testimony from NOWA included in the record on March 23, 2023, cites the relevant facts and concerns of NOWA relating to this bill. This brief testimony is provided to change the NOWA position from neutral to opposition in response to the -2 amendments. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.