

same injunctive authority it already has for dam safety and well construction), we understand that the 2030 sunset and the 2028 Legislative report in the engrossed version are a good-faith effort by the bill's sponsor to assuage concerns about where, when, and how OWRD intends to use this authority. Continued opposition to even a temporary expansion of injunctive authority keeps the deck stacked in favor of illegal water users, disregards the plight of family farmers and aquatic species suffering the downstream impacts of ongoing water theft, and impugns the competency of circuit court judges to evaluate requests for injunctive relief.

It is long past time for OWRD to have access to this basic legal tool to stop egregious illegal water use. Wild Salmon Center appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on this important issue and urges your support to ensure timely protection of our life-sustaining water supplies.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Caylin Barter', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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