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Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Measure: SB5506

Hello Committee members:

I understand the REQUEST by the governor for triaging a budget. But this is not the time to CUT back on science or drought strategy here's why:

Please fund and support Prop 102, Prop 107, 110:

ODFW is the voice for fish and wetlands and insists on wet water flows and cold temperatures that fish need in the grandstand of managing integrated water resources.

Prop 111: Yes, please support

Prop 114: What is a river or stream without flow? Here in Deschutes County flow and by that I mean wet water flow (not a paper water right) is what fish and endangered species and bull trout and steelhead and chinook salmon need. So please support Prop 114.

Yes on Prop 119: it's integral to resource stewardship to continue analyses of springs and the critical role of springs in river ecology: here in the Deschutes we rely on springs to feed our river. But when we overappropriate the basin and continue to ignore science we harm springs. NOW during our DROUGHT it's ESPECIALLY CRITICAL TO CONTINUE THIS SCIENCE WORK !

Last September when the OWRD state water resources toured to get public feedback; they were excited about the legislature's funding of positions: but NOW SO QUICKLY the governor wants to CUT THESE POSITIONS - This is QUITE HOKEY... It's imperative to keep staff at OWRD and to fund these 16 positions (don't cut 16 OWRD positions)

Thanks for considering my views...

Consistency is what I ask: Consistency to keep the staff and science programs so that better decisions are made in the future with our FINITE water resources.

This IS the time to TRIAGE.

Please keep ODFW and OWRD staffed and funded.

Thanks much

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