



City of Wilsonville Policy Position
Supporting HB 4005 Related to Water Professionals Appreciation Week

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Co-Chair Helm, Co-Chair Owens, Vice-Chair McDonald, Members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water:

On behalf of the City of Wilsonville, I am submitting this testimony in **support of HB 4005** which would designate Water Professionals Appreciation Week annually in October.

The City of Wilsonville joins our local government partners at the League of Oregon Cities, the Special Districts Association of Oregon, and Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies, and others in recognizing the crucial public health role our drinking water and wastewater management professionals play. From brushing your teeth and flushing the toilet, to agriculture and manufacturing, water is an essential part of both our natural and built environment.

Clean, safe drinking water and effective management of wastewater are fundamental public services that support community livability, economic development, and health and safety. Wilsonville appreciates the public, private, and non-profit employees who work around the clock to ensure our water systems are well-maintained. Wilsonville residents benefit from the expertise of contracted professionals who bring experience from diverse communities and systems to ensure our water and wastewater treatment operations are effective and efficient.

The City of Wilsonville **supports** designating Water Professionals Appreciation Week. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

Mayor Shawn O'Neil
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