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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4006

Do not approve this legislation. Vote no when it comes up.

Water issues in the Columbia River are incredibly complex—too complex to consider in a short session. The state has expended significant public funds for irrigation projects in the basin, participated in multi-stakeholder negotiations that have resulted in water right agreements that the bill proponents are operating under today, and led cooperative agreements on water use for the basin. This bill undermines investments, cooperation and trust. We urge you to oppose this bill that exempts a certain class of water right holders from important laws; doing so would not solve regional issues, it will amplify them.