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On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon OPPOSES HB 4004
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4004

I OPPOSE [HB 4004 A].

When reading the TEXT of [HB 4004 A] I became disheartened to see the skullduggery concerning water rights for agricultural water users. I could not give a rat's rear on residential and or any other development on valuable, irreplaceable Farmlands, Ranchlands and Forestlands.

From the TEXT of [HB 4004 A],

The following initiates the deception process.

"...SECTION 5. (1) The Water Resources Department shall promote and facilitate enrollment in the federal Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (132 Stat. 4534, 16 U.S.C. 3831a) for water users in this state who voluntarily cancel ground water rights in areas where the department is not allowing new rights to use ground water for irrigation."

The "Federal Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (132 Stat. 4534, 16 U.S.C. 3831a)" can be seen below:

[<https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=granuleid:USC-prelim-title16section3831a&num=0&edition=prelim>]

The "Oregon Cattlemen's Association Testimony on [HB 3342 (2025)]" is applied here on [HB 4004 A] and can be seen below.

[<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1/Downloads/PublicTestimonyDocument/151762>]

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