

Smith Holly

From: RONALD GLYNN <ronglynn@hughes.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 8:00 AM
To: HEE Exhibits
Cc: Rep Smith D; Sen Jeff Kruse; Sen Baertschiger; rep salesquivel; Rep. Bill Post; Sen Baertschiger; sen tedferrioli; Lars' 'Larson; Bill Meyer; sen DennisLinthicum; rep cliffbentz
Subject: Fwd: Top-notch Deception---NO ON HB 2705, HB 2706, and HB 2707
Attachments: Untitled; Untitled

Dear Chair Helm and members of the of House Committee On Energy And Environment:

Yesterday, I received a request from friend who is a rancher in Harney County to give input to the committee opposing HB 2705, HB 2706, and HB 2706. Since then, I have been mulling over what to write. This morning, someone I know in Josephine County sent the attached information sent to them by Senator Linthicum. He said it better than anyone could.

I grew up in farm country in Marion County. My brother in law has been farming in that area continuously since 1962. At one time, I worked for him when I was teenager and also in my early 20's after a hitch in the Navy. Since then, I have been out to his farm many times over the year. It is hard work for him and his son to keep farming operations going with all the requirements of government. He has water rights dating back to his grandfather who was a pioneer in Oregon. The current proposed legislation would just make things more difficult for them by adding more government control.

I was previously a State Employee from 1976 to 1991 until Multnomah County took over operations of Corrections in that county. I finished my career as Parole & Probation Officer in 2003. One thing I witnessed during my career was the serious problem of waste, fraud, and abuse of taxpayer money. Also, I observed the size of State Government continue to grow in scope and size. In my opinion, State Government is too big now and needs to be pared back. We have been told that there is budget shortfall of 1.6 Billion dollars. If that is so, why doesn't the Governor institute a hiring freeze for new State Employees? It has been done before in the past. For certain, we do not need more oppressive laws laid on the backs of the people who produce our food. Before you pass such laws as proposed now, I challenge you to go out to talk with the farmers and ranchers to see what it takes for them to operate. I am sure it would give you a much different perspective.

Sincerely,
Ronald B. Glynn
Retired Multnomah County Parole & Probation Officer
3930 Lower Wolf Creek Road
Wolf Creek, Oregon 97497
ph. (541) 659-9620

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 5:37:23 AM
Subject: Fw: Top-notch Deception

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

On Tue, Mar 21, 2017 at 5:01 AM, Senator Dennis Linthicum <sen.DennisLinthicum@public.govdelivery.com> wrote:

VIEW ONLINE



OREGON STATE SENATOR
NEWS FROM Dennis Linthicum

Top-notch Deception

If a Democrat House member gets his way, the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) will load stiff economic, land and water management problems right into the lap of Oregon's farmers, ranchers, cattle and dairymen.

All water right holders will find themselves in a swamp-like slough of muddy ground composed of fees, regulatory efforts and exceedingly stiff fines – up to \$500 per day. All of these water bills ([HB2705](#), [HB2706](#), [HB2707](#)) enlarge government efforts through needless regulation and direct intervention in land and water use.

The happy story masking each of these bills is beneficence, but they really promote a future that is nothing-less-than a government controlled Utopian vision.

Look at the language in [HB2705](#), the Legislative Assembly declares that:

- “(a) Water use data is a fundamental tool to ensure **efficient** management, ensure **effective** water distribution and **help plan** for future water needs; and (b) The measurement and reporting of water use **benefits all** water appropriators and is critical to the **effective** management of the water resources of this state.”

There is nothing, necessarily, wrong with any of these statements, but the question remains, who will be controlling, cataloging, regulating and managing? And finally, who will be benefiting and how?

All of these things sound perfectly wondrous, so let's continue reading. The next section of [HB2705](#) shines some light on the details. It reads:

- “It is the policy of this state to: (a) Actively **promote** measurement and reporting of water use by water appropriators; and (b) **Encourage** federal, state and local **government** coordination and cooperation **in providing**

financial support to water appropriators for water use measurement and reporting.”

This is top-notch deception.

The phrase “*to promote*” would not mean “**to force**”, would it?

That is what the bill requires – force. Why doesn’t the legislation inform the public of this fact? In all honesty the text should read, “(a) Actively **force** measurement and reporting of water use by water appropriators,” because that is what it does.

Additionally, in the next sub-section, the phrase “encouraging” is nothing but legislative live-bait to make this design sound helpful. There are no details about funding, or financial support anywhere in this bill. It only shows up in the preamble to assure stakeholders that OWRD could be reasonable.

Over the years, Americans, and particularly Oregonians, have been slowly acclimated to similar *Utopian visions*. We have been led to believe that by some government action *this* improvement could be made; or by some government sponsored innovation *this* would be better, or with *these* regulations some version of effective management could be accomplished.

We are continually told that with *some* commission, study, or with a little more data the government could improve the conditions of your life, nursery, farm or ranching operation. Over the years these socialist policies have been universally painted with glorious sounding titles – a Square Deal, a New Freedom, a New Deal, a Fair Deal, a New Frontier, and a Great Society.

Now, we are being led to believe that government will “ensure efficient management, ensure effective water distribution and help plan for future water needs.” That language is directly from HB2705.

The truth is, this government entity knows what it doesn’t know. The plan is to force you into providing it. The state doesn’t have any intimate knowledge of your farm, ranch, or agricultural operation and therefore, they can’t easily control or regulate it. But, they hope to control and regulate you.

HB 2705 will force you to provide them with the necessary details and the Water Resources Commission will set the rules which you will be required to follow.

The user or water appropriator does all of the work and bears all of the costs. Remember, in legislative legalese, the word “*shall*” means “**must**.” The text reads:

SECTION 3:

(1) A water appropriator *shall*...

(2) A water appropriator *shall*...

SECTION 4:

(1) A water appropriator *shall*...

(2) A water appropriator *shall...*

However, OWRD is responsible for one thing – issuing fines:

- “SECTION 5. The Water Resources Department may assess a **civil penalty** for violation of section 3 or 4 of this 2017 Act, not to exceed **\$500**. For a continuing violation, **each day the violation continues** is a separate violation.”

Welcome to OWRD’s vision for your Utopian future...

It should be obvious that these bills were crafted without the critical engagement of impacted water users and stakeholders. These bills don’t offer any benefits to Oregon or the typical water user in my District.

These bills will impose significant costs on already struggling farm, ranch and ag families and the collected monies are not allocated toward meaningful areas of need.

What to do...

I urge water right holders to e-Mail, write, or call, each member of the House Energy & Environment Committee to share their thoughts and suggestions.

The best way to make an impact is to attend the hearing in-person:

- **March 22nd, 2017 - Wednesday**
- **Hearing Room-D, at 3:00 p.m.**
- Salem Capital Building
- 900 Court St. NE
- Salem, OR 97301

It is important that you send your statements to each member of the committee. Also, please send your statement to the committee, as an official part of the record. Written, or e-Mailed testimony must be submitted prior to the hearing. Please state at the top whether you are for or against the bills and share your reasons why.

Rep. Reschke serves on the House Energy & Environment committee and has stated his opposition to these bills. Please notify his office if you are planning to attend.

Copies of these bills can be found on the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS) at these links:

- [HB2705](#)
- [HB2706](#)
- [HB2707](#)

Please join me in opposition to these bills. They will be heard this Wednesday, March 22, 2017, in the House. These bills may move to the Senate following their House

hearing. If you happen to read this article after the March 22, 2017 meeting, please write to your Senator to voice your opinion on these burdensome bills.

If we don't stand for rural Oregon values and common-sense – No one will...

State Senator Dennis Linthicum

District 28

Best Regards,



Dennis

Senate District 28

Capitol Phone: [503-986-1728](tel:503-986-1728)

Capitol Address: 900 Court St. NE, S-305, Salem, Oregon 97301

Email: sen.DennisLinthicum@oregonlegislature.gov

Website: <http://www.oregonlegislature.gov/linthicum>

SUBSCRIBER SERVICES OPTIONS:

- To **stop** receiving this newsletter, **add** new newsletters, or **modify** your subscription services click [Manage Preferences](#)
- To **unsubscribe** from all information from the Oregon State Legislature click [Delete Profile](#)
- For questions about subscriber services, please email [Help](#)

Information provided may not be final and is subject to change. If you have questions regarding the Oregon Legislative e-Subscribe service, please email leg.helpdesk@state.or.us, or call [503-986-1914](tel:503-986-1914).

This email was sent to vivkirk@yahoo.com using GovDelivery · 408 St. Peter Street, Suite 600 · Saint Paul, MN 55102 · [1-800-439-1420](tel:1-800-439-1420)

