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From: Jeff DeVore <oakcrk@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 12:09 PM
To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Testimony in Support of House Bills 2705, 2706, and 2707

Dear House Committee on Energy and Environment Members,

I am writing here in support of House Bills HB2705, HB2706 and HB2707 because I believe that water management is one of the most important functions Oregon's government performs, and that adequate, smarter water management as described in these house bills is absolutely necessary if our most precious Oregon natural resource is to be protected and sustained for ourselves, our children, and future generations of Oregonians.

As a private well owner in Pleasant Hill, I rely on adequate groundwater management by state authorities to guarantee safe and sustainable drinking water for my family. Thanks to groups such as WaterWatch of Oregon, I am continually reminded of the lack of adequate resources for our Oregon Water Resources Department to perform their duties effectively, especially when it comes to the ever more important job of monitoring and controlling our groundwater resources.

As a Governor appointed member of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) Advisory Committee (STAC) for the Upper Willamette STEP District, I am continually reminded of the importance of a reliable source of cold, clean water to the recovery and sustainability of Oregon's native salmon and trout. To help in achieving the goals of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds, I work with schools, watershed councils and citizen groups throughout the Upper Willamette basin to educate Oregon citizens (voters) about important fish management issues, and as the saying goes, fish need rivers (and streams, and as we now know, sustainable ground water).

As members of the House Committee on Energy and Environment, I look forward to your enthusiastic support for HB2705, HB2706 and HB2707.

Sincerely,

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