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From: David L. Paulsmeyer <dlp@bendbroadband.com>
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To: HEE Exhibits
Subject: Testimony in Support of House Bills 2705, 2706, and 2707

Thank you for this opportunity to support your work to protect our natural resources. As a volunteer naturalist at Mt. Bachelor, my colleagues and I provide children and adults with information about our watersheds. Our message to young and old is to be a mindful steward. With passage of HB2705, HB2706, and HB2707 our legislators will be representing our values and doing so in a manner that is responsive to us.

I support HB2705

The necessity of measuring our water usage is vital to develop a sustainable environment and the resources for a sustainable economy and a high quality of life for this and every generation. At public meetings in Central Oregon I attended, representatives from irrigation districts have acknowledged that measurement is essential for equitable usage and preservation. We must measure our water usage. There is no alternative.

I support HB 2706

I believe that I am among many Oregonians who did not know about the lack of fiscal support for managing our water from its sources to our multiple uses. Dedicated professionals are needed to develop and implement water management policies and practices. Oregon cannot escape the need for fully funding the Oregon Water Resources Department. A \$100 investment by water users will be a small price to pay for saving this natural resource.

I support HB 2707

Oregon's high Cascades provide us with a unique geology where nature acts as a purifier of water that replenishes our ground water aquifers. The reliance on ground water for all uses and especially to sustain a viable agricultural community in Oregon should not be at risk because of ignorance. Because of our reliance on ground water, research must be started immediately.

Sincerely,
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"Democracy is the recurrent suspicion that more than half of the people are right more than half of the time." E. B. White (1899 - 1985) Source: *The Wild Flag*, 1946

