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**Subject:** Testimony in Support of House Bills 2705, 2706, and 2707

To the House Committee on Energy and Environment,

I urge you to support House Bills 2705, 2706, 2707. As we know, water is a precious and limited resource. The time to act is upon us to measure water usage, and then act to protect the health of our streams, aquifers and other sources of this resource. We shouldn't wait until water is scarce to start a plan of conservation.

As a Central Oregonian, I know the importance of water to our recreation industry but also to farmers and those who irrigate. But let's not forget that water is a public resource and although irrigators have water rights to use water, they do not own it.

We must start now by investing in the tools, studies and services needed to sustainably manage water across the state. I believe these three bills are a necessary step forward.

Thank you for opportunity to provide my input.

Sincerely,

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