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Members of the Committee:

I am a farmer & water rights holder from Amity, Oregon. The Amity Eola Hills is a critical water shortage area. Therefore I speak from personal experience in support of these bills. With the drenching rains we are experiencing now, the immediate concern over ground water levels & use seem less urgent, but it is not. It seems commonsense to know the status of our groundwater resources & their rate of use. If the agency in charge is severely underfunded, it makes sense to find a funding source. With the deficit the state now faces getting increased funding from the general fund is extremely unlikely. I don't know if \$100 per water permit is a magic number, but a dedicated funding source from those who use and/or benefit from groundwater resources seems a reasonable approach.

Thank you for your attention.

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