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To the House Energy and Environment Committee:

We are AGAINST all three House Bills presented by Chairman Representative Ken Holm. We will present our arguments against these Bills individually.

House Bill 2705: this bill punishes anyone who has a well on their property which is primarily the rural areas of the state. The requirement of measurement and reporting will undoubtedly be wordy and complicated with fines for those non-compliance. Who determines how to measure and what is the cost involved?

House Bill 2706: Would in effect price out of business anyone who farms, has nurseries, timberland etc. Again it is punishing those who make their living from agriculture primarily. The \$ 100.00 'management fee' may not sound like a great deal until you multiply it by the acreage involved and the number of water right certificates, degrees or ground water registration entailed in these acres. It would add an unjust burden to those people.

House Bill 2707: Is nothing more than a government strategy to continually 'investigate' and come up with more rules and regulations to help fund the general fund dollars. This in effect, gives the government an open wallet for adding taxes, reporting fees, documentation fees and ways to establish one more bureaucracy to the government of Oregon. Living within your means never seems to be incorporated with any of these Bills!

To declare two of them "emergency bills" so that there is no time to gather information and data so as to prepare arguments against these bills is a blatant play of once again ramming down the throats of the people another money grabbing scheme! They just 'become law' and that's that. This is nothing more than a bullying tactic used far too often from those in government!

In closing, this is an ambiguous way of extracting more money, adding more misery and useless unneeded regulation on the rural communities of Oregon! These communities are struggling to survive under the weight of state and federal government.

Sincerely,



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