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Subject: HB 2705 and 2706

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Clyde Warren. I am apposed to these Bills 2705 and 2706.

These Bills will do nothing for us other than create an expensive costs and time consuming. Not to mention the added stress of a threat of a \$500 a day fines. My wife and I are on Social Security and live in Murphy, OR. Our house is on the side of a mountain. No where near any ground water basin.

We have two wells that pull water from veins the travels down the mountain side. One produces 5 gpm until late summer and then it is reduced to partial pumping during the day. We drilled another well and it is 15 gpm on a wet year. The past dry years, we have had to limit the pumping hours by turning off the 1/4 acre irrigated pasture. Our water supply is controlled by the weather. Now you want to control our water by placing meters on then, forcing us to have expensive meter testing and fees starting at \$100.00 every year.

Our daughter and son in law are trying to purchase a piece of property in Grants Pass with a VA loan. It is on a very small mountain side with no basin beneath it. We have drilled two wells on it. Both at 500 feet. The driller estimated the first one at only 2 gpm. The second was drilled last December 100 feet lower in elevation at the bottom of the property. It was a dry hole. Even though it is a dry hole we still had to pay a \$300 fee to the state. Now we have to look at drilling a third well just to get enough water for a single family home.

We are looking minimum the cost (for both properties) of two meters at \$1000.00, testing of two meters at \$200.00 (\$100 an hour) and \$200.00 State fee just to be in conformance with these Bills. Then we are forced to pay a minimum of \$400 a year there after. And it will keep going up in costs. Why should we be forced to monitor these small domestic wells that do nothing in monitoring the problem basins that these bills seem to be focused on. I urge this Board to reject these House Bills 2705 and House Bill 2706.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.
Clyde Warren