From the Desk of Representative Ken Helm



## OLCV urges your support for House Bill 2250

Governor Kate Brown is determined Oregon will protect "the beauty and bounty of Oregon for future generations." That's why she introduced HB 2250—the Oregon Environmental Protection Act—"to again cement Oregon's place on the cutting edge of environmental stewardship."

The Oregon Environmental Protection Act will ensure that Oregon's standards for clean air and clean water are held to high standards. Even if the EPA continues to roll back laws at the federal level, we will still have breathable air and safe water here in Oregon.

Oregon has come a long way in reducing the pollution of our air and water, but we still have a long way to go. Passing HB 2250 will help us ensure our progress in restoring the Willamette, Columbia, Tualatin, and other local rivers into whole, healthy ecosystems. As gathering places for the community, our rivers should be safe to swim in, fish in, and play in.

By passing HB 2250, we're sending a clear message that, here in Oregon, we value the health of our people, and we're not going to weaken our laws if that happens at the national level.

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