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I'm writing in support of HB 4069.

As a retired federal hydrologist, previously charged with helping countries, states, and local governments understand their actual and potential water resources, I couldn't have made assessments without data generated by agencies such as the Oregon Department of Water Resources.

As we enter periods of ever greater uncertainty, the need for discrete, and properly validated, data increases in tandem with expanding populations, both rural and urban.

While collecting such data may have been viewed as unnecessary or overly burdensome in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, it's hard to believe that in the current era we allow the state's waters to be diverted without proper tracking.

Central to our system of water diversion is beneficial use, and in the most efficient manner practical. However, in our current system we have no way to evaluate either aspect of the state's water.

I'm writing in support of HB 4069. Please empower the Oregon Department of Water Resources to require proper reporting of diversion and use of the state's water.

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