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Dear Members of the House Committee on Water:

I am writing in support of HB 4069 which gives the Oregon Water Resources Department the authority to require reporting by water users who are required to measure their water use. Water is an essential resource for farms, cities, industries, and our rivers, lakes and wetlands. Demand on this limited and important resource will only continue to grow. It needs to be managed wisely. The State's Water Resources Department needs to be more proactive in water management, something it has not done well over the years. To properly manage the resource the state needs information. Giving the state the authority to require reporting from users who are already required to measure their water use is a very small but important step in water management.

I live on farm that is irrigated from water provided by an irrigation district. Our district is required to measure and report its water use. There is no reason other water users should be exempt from reporting if the Oregon Water Resources believes it needs this information.

In the light of climate change and increased demand, Oregon can no longer ignore its water management responsibilities. Passage of this bill is a no brainer if Oregon is serious about smart water management.

Please support HB 4069.

Thank you for an opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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