

**Testimony to the House Committee on Water  
on House Bill**

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Founded in 1968, the Oregon Environmental Council (OEC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, membership-based organization. We advance innovative, collaborative and equitable solutions to Oregon's environmental challenges for today and future generations.

Oregon Environmental Council supports HB 4071.

HB 4071 is a first step in a much needed reform of Oregon's HAB program. By expanding agency testing capacity and creating HAB-dedicated regulatory staff positions, the state is taking important steps towards tackling the public health threat of harmful algae blooms.

As the Oregon Health Authority moves forward with this work, we strongly urge the agency to incorporate culturally specific outreach tools as part of its technical outreach so as to ensure that all water user communities receive timely and accessible consumption advisories and health-related updates.

Oregon Environmental Council urges this committee to pass HB 4071.