

**Testimony to the House Committee on Water
on House Bill 2310**

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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 strongly opposes HB 2310 and the -1 amendments.

Communities need the flexibility to design their infrastructure to local needs and specifications. Requiring them to go with lowest cost materials is inappropriate, given that any given community infrastructure project does in-depth analysis into materials best suited for their goals. Manufacturers and vendors of products and materials should not be developing specifications for public improvement projects. That is the role of local and regional utilities.

A significant goal for communities is resilience in the face of climate change and associated disasters. Plastic pipe has failed under the impact of wildfires, leaving communities with no drinking water infrastructure. In other cases, the material deformed or partially melted, exposing water users to potentially toxic chemicals in their water delivery system.

OEC urges the Committee to deliver a no vote on HB 2310.