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To: House Committee on Water; others

Re: I OPPOSE [HB 3293] & [HB 3228]...Costs to the taxpayers would be exorbitantly unacceptable,

In re [HB 3293]: OPPOSE

"Water project support providers; (A) The Department of Environmental Quality; (B) The Oregon Business Development Department; (C) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife; (D) The Oregon Health Authority; (E) The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board; or (F) The Water Resources Department."

*But, there are other water providers, the usual cast of characters; nonprofits and "other organizations."

[HB 3293] unjustly enriches the nonprofits.

"Community engagement" is sketchy and cannot be uniformly relied upon.

*There are too many unidentified variables affecting the cost of this legislation to be borne by the taxpayers.

**There are "No," Revenue, Fiscal Impact Reports and or a Budget Report. There are "No" ancillary costs to identify and recover administrative fees for any of the aforementioned State of Oregon Departments.*

In re [HB 3228]: OPPOSE

***[HB 3228]** creates additional layers of costly overhead and staff increases to enable the Water Resources Department to carry out the prescribed responsibilities.

***[HB 3228]** requires additional costly monitoring and water availabilities by the Water Masters.

****[HB 3228]** Read "SECTION (1)." It is apparent where people and governments can potentially make serious errors in judgment, initiating protracted, plethoric litigation.

[HB 3228] could easily create exorbitant litigation from the errors in judgment.

Every living Attorney would be feeding from **[HB 3228]**'s taxpayer funded trough.

The litigation would be so plentiful and ripe for the taking, even dead attorneys would exhume and cleanup themselves to participate in feasting upon taxpayer's monies.

**There are "No," Revenue, Fiscal Impact Reports and or a Budget Report. There are "No" ancillary costs to identify and recover administrative fees.*

[HB 3228] is not worth pursuing any further.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ David S. Wall

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