

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Future stability for Oregonians and wildlife depends on our increased investment in equitable, responsible, science-driven management of our fresh water supplies. ODFW & OWRD need more funding to increase the likelihood of a stable future for everyone.

If we further divert funding from already chronically underfunded programs like the OWRD and ODFW, we are divesting in one of the basic needs on which all living beings depend.

This divestment in science-driven data and on the ground management results in compounded issues of ill-managed scarcity and inequity for humans and others alike.

Please rise and REJECT DIVESTMENT in long-term planning measures. I am instead calling on you to INCREASE FUNDING to the OWRD and ODFW.

As an Oregonian and resident of District 3, I am advocating:

\*TO REJECT REDUCTION PACKAGES 090 and 092, proposed reductions to OWRD's science, management and data programs.

\*IN SUPPORT OF POLICY OPTION 110, which supports science to understand Oregon's aquifers and groundwaters. This is crucial in this changing climate!

\*IN SUPPORT OF POP 109, which would provide OWRD staff to address water rights needs beyond it's present complaints-driven only capacity.

\*IN SUPPORT OF POP 114. Recent planning efforts under the Integrated Water Resources Strategy require basin specific Placed-Based Planning to meet instream and out-of-stream needs. Yet, the Legislature has NOT funded ODFW to be at the table in these processes, which shortchanges rivers, fish, and wildlife.

\*IN SUPPORT OF ODFW POP 115 & OWRD POP 113, which would provide these departments funding needed for the tremendous task of reallocating stored water behind the Willamette Dams and monitoring the effects over time.

\*IN SUPPORT OF POP 105 & HB 2143, which support efforts to update and simplify annual fees paid by hydroelectric projects in order to maintain current service levels at OWRD, ODFW and the Department of Environmental Quality. The staff positions are critical to ensuring fish, wildlife and other natural resource values are protected as required by hydro statutes.

Equitable futures for all who depend on responsible management of our local water supplies are counting on you to continue and increase investment in what is often taken for granted by the average person in the PNW: Our fresh water.

Thank you for including my written testimony in your decision-making process.