

# ARNOLD

IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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**TO: Chair Ken Helm, Vice-Chair Mark Owens, Vice-Chair Jeff Reardon, and Members of the House Water Committee.”**

RE: Testimony in Support of SB 130, Extension of District Temporary Transfer Pilot Program

Dear Chair Helm, Vice-Chairs Owens and Reardon, and members of the House Water Committee:

My name is Juanita Harvey, Office Manager at Arnold Irrigation District and I am testifying in support of SB 130, which will extend a critical pilot program for fifteen districts, including ours.

Arnold Irrigation District has a 4,384-acre water right and is located the south of Bend, Oregon supplying irrigation water to 635 patrons. Our patrons grow any of the following: hay, pasture grass, timothy, lavender, and hemp.

We have found over the past few years that the temporary transfer program has proven to be extremely beneficial when working with our patrons.

1. It has helped protect the water rights of patrons who may be in jeopardy of losing their rights for non-use, allowing other patrons to put these water rights to use.
2. Helping current or new patrons determine where it would be best to utilize additional or new water rights on their property.
3. The temporary transfer process is not as lengthy or time consuming, but it offers the patrons and the District many benefits.
4. The process is not as costly for the patron, giving them an opportunity to make the decision of how they may want to move forward with their current or new water right in the future that would be the most beneficial for them.

These examples alone are quite beneficial to our patrons and our District and we strongly request SB 130 be passed and extended.

Regards,

  
Juanita Harvey  
Office Manager