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To: Chairman Jeff Golden and Members of the Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Recover Committee

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

Owyhee Irrigation District would like to take this opportunity to support Senate Bill 130. This bill would extend the Pilot Program that aids the irrigation District to temporarily change the place of use of the water rights without submitting an application for permanent transfer.

This program has been beneficial to the water users who are updating their water delivery system and need to move water rights to accommodate the new system. This is especially helpful to those water users who have projects that need to be completed prior to water delivery.

The Pilot Project provides the Owyhee Irrigation District with flexibility and protection of the water rights. It keeps the water user and the District within State and Bureau of Reclamation requirements.

The Owyhee Irrigation District is recommending the continuation of Senate Bill 130, Irrigation District Temporary Transfer Pilot Project.

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