



American Water Works Association
Pacific Northwest Section

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Representative Pam Marsh
House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
900 Court Street NE,
Salem, Oregon 97301

Subject: HB 4057 – Support for Sprinkler Efficiency Standards in Oregon

Dear Chair Marsh and Members of the Committee,

This letter is being sent on behalf of the Oregon Water Utility Council (OWUC) with respect to HB 4057 which adds “spray sprinkler bodies” to minimum efficiency standards.

OWUC is a local affiliation of the American Water Works Association, and we represent nearly 75% of public drinking water providers across Oregon, both small and large, rural, and urban. You have likely received comments from several of our member agencies stressing the importance of water efficiency.

OWUC strongly supports HB 4057, requiring spray sprinklers to meet minimum energy efficiency standards.

Outdoor water use accounts for about 30% of household water use. Inefficient sprinkler systems are responsible for wasting water due to overwatering. OWUC strongly supports the EPA WaterSense certification standards and encourage that sprinkler bodies meet these standards.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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