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Testimony in support of House Bill 3231: Relating to the development of resources to improve water reuse implementation in Oregon; prescribing an effective date.

Submitted to: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Dear Chairman Helm, Vice-Chairs Hartman and Owens, and Members of the Committee,

I am a Director on the board of the South Suburban Sanitary District, AND Chairman of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee. I offer this testimony in support of HB 3231.

Water reuse in drought damaged communities like ours is essential for restoring, as much as possible, the rich habitat relied on by hundreds of thousands of migratory birds, fish, and other wildlife. And maintaining agricultural viability that not only contributes mightily to our economy locally and across the state, but also produces food that sustains the migratory birds and wildlife mentioned above, but also food that is distributed throughout Oregon as well as the rest of the country.

Water is a precious natural resource for all Oregonians, maximizing benefits from every drop just makes sense. Developing the resources needed for the implementation of water reuse across our state is a critical step towards achieving that goal.

I respectfully encourage you to vote YES on HB 3231.

Respectfully,

Joe Spendolini  
Director, South Suburban Sanitary District AND  
Chairman, Klamath County Chamber of Commerce  
Government Affairs Committee