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RE: Testimony on HB3207 to the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

To Whom It May Concern,

Our laboratory, Edge Analytical, is in opposition to HB3207, concerning reporting of Real Estate water quality results to the state.

We understand the state's desire to collect information on water quality from private wells. However, this proposed requirement would put our laboratory in conflict with confidentiality obligations. We are not always told the purpose for the samples we test. We do not believe it is prudent to require laboratories to send reports to the state for which there may often be doubt of the legal conditions of the sample submitted.

All Oregon accredited laboratories send in results for compliance samples submitted by public water systems. This is an entirely different proposal. Public water systems are specific legal entities for which there is a business relationship; generally, no such relationship exists between private parties and the laboratory, except for a single transaction.

This may impact our liability insurance if something goes wrong.

Perhaps a better approach would be to follow up on the documents (transaction) that certainly occur when funds are moved between buyer and seller. Wouldn't the title company be best for this responsibility?

We do not believe it is fair to put the burden of reporting private transactions to the state on the laboratories.

Respectfully,

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