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On Behalf  
Of:

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

Measure: HB3231

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

I'm the Executive Director of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce and am writing in support of HB 3231 to direct DEQ to develop beneficial water reuse or recycled water projects in the state. The ability to reuse or recycle water would help our community as well as communities across the state but we need to develop resources to be able to do so.

I'm sure you're aware that our community has suffered the effects of drought which has been tough on the thousands of birds, fish and other wildlife. It's also been hard on our agricultural industry that employs thousands, contributes to our local (and statewide) economy, and produces food distributed throughout Oregon and the rest of the country. The ability to reuse water could be critical to restoring the habitat for our wildlife and supporting our local economy.

I encourage you to vote yes on HB3231.

Respectfully submitted,

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