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Clackamas River Water  
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Oak Lodge Water Services  
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Raleigh Water District  
Rockwood Water PUD  
Sandy, City of  
Scappoose, City of  
Sherwood, City of  
South Fork Water Board  
Sunrise Water Authority  
Tigard, City of  
Troutdale, City of  
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Tualatin Valley Water District  
West Slope Water District  
Wilsonville, City of

March 8, 2023

Representative Ken Helm  
Chair, House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water  
900 Court St. NE, H-490  
Salem, OR 97301

**RE: Support of HB 3321 – Directs Oregon Health Authority to study small community water systems**

Dear Chair Helm and members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water:

Water providers around the state are struggling to find qualified staff to operate our water systems due to a wave of retirements and competition from other sectors. The Regional Water Providers Consortium (Consortium) supports HB 3321, specifically the funding to design and construct a water utility training center, hire supporting staff, and expand the Oregon Association of Water Utilities' ability to train more people to work in the water sector.

The Consortium represents 25 drinking water providers in the Portland metropolitan region. We believe that supporting smaller utilities with training and resources will benefit water providers across the state in meeting their staffing needs so we can continue to supply safe drinking water to all Oregonians.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Geisen".

Rebecca Geisen  
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cc: Regional Water Providers Consortium Board and Technical Committee

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