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On Behalf
Of:

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

Measure: HB2765

We all must absolutely support this bill to save our wildlife and refuge systems. We currently allow nearly all our “extra” water from this year’s winter to flow downstream and out into the ocean while tens of thousands of migrating waterfowl have perished in one of our state’s most precious resources; Klamath Lake, Lower Klamath and Tule Lake Wildlife Refuge systems. Before reclamation efforts, this complex ensured hundreds of thousands of migrating birds had a place of rest, food, cover and nesting- something that benefits the entire Pacific Coast Flyway, as well as a number of other species that relied on this habitat. Now, we artificially restrict this water and place it into the river system where it flushes to the ocean. This bill helps to reestablish this watershed and ensure all the lost resources are available for our wildlife and our ever lowering water table. This bill is a GREAT common sense first step in managing our resources responsibly, and being good stewards of our local environment. PLEASE VOTE YES.