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On Behalf
Of:

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

Measure: HB2765

HB2765 is a win/win for several parties/entities. Our family is a member of the South Suburban Sanitary District (23,000 members strong) in Klamath County. Our special district has a discharge of 1.5 million gallons of waste water/day. New and very stringent proposed DEQ requirements will require costly upgrades to our wastewater treatment plant including the the building of a nine mile pipeline which collectively will cost an estimated \$20 million to complete. This will result in a substantial financial burden for all of our members including our family.

There is a much better solution to the need being addressed by DEQ. HB 2765 allows our waste water to be used for instream flows and specifically to create a reliable source of water for our wild life refuges South of Klamath Falls. All of Oregon, but especially Southern Oregon has been hit hard by drought over the past several years, and this daily water release will have a positive impact on our migratory bird habitat and other wildlife that rely on the refuge for existence.

Using the water in this fashion will be totally appropriate to environmental concerns, and will avoid disturbing the natural environment for 9 miles of piping and save about \$20 million in unnecessary cost to ratepayers of the SSSD District. The Pacific Flyway used to be the strongest migratory bird pathway in the US. Drought has had a significant negative impact over the years, and implementing HB2765 will have a positive measurable impact to help rectify this situation.

Please Support HB2765 for all of its positive implications