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On Behalf
Of:

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

Measure: HB2765

The Klamath County Chamber of Commerce supports HB 2765. This bill benefits our community in several ways – saving our citizens money (approximately \$20 million) and allowing wastewater to be reused to support our wildlife refuges.

Klamath County is in the midst of a drought and this bill is an innovative response. It allows South Suburban Sanitary District to maximize the potential reuse of the wastewater they are charged with managing. HB 2765 is a critical step toward the effort to restore and preserve habitat that, prior to the recent drought, was normally rich and healthy habitat relied on by hundreds of thousands of migratory birds, fish, and other wildlife.

This bill will allow water to be conveyed within existing waterways, rather than having the water conveyed from and to the same locations through a 9-mile long pipeline. Using the natural environment rather than a pipeline to convey water will save citizens approximately \$20 million, and also avoid disturbing 9 miles of environment to lay the pipe.

This bill is a win win for our community.

Thanks,

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About the Klamath County Chamber: We were established in 1905 and have served Klamath County for well over 100 years. As Klamath County's longest standing business advocacy organization, we have over 600 business members representing dozens of industries and employers of all sizes.