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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB2765

Klamath Water Users Association (KWUA) supports passage of H.B. 2765, which would provide a common-sense approach to avoiding unnecessary costs for Klamath County citizens in enabling effective water use and reuse in the Klamath Basin.

KWUA is a nonprofit organization, founded in 1953. KWUA's members are irrigation districts and similar entities who are contractors of the Bureau of Reclamation for storage, diversion, and delivery of water through the Klamath Project. KWUA's members deliver water to approximately 170,000 acres of irrigated land. In addition, our members operate the facilities that deliver water to two highly valued national wildlife refuges: Lower Klamath and Tulelake National Wildlife Refuges.

The Klamath Basin has been characterized by conflict over natural resources, especially water. KWUA's board of directors, drawn from throughout the Klamath Project area, has carefully considered, and deliberated over H.B. 2765.

Our conclusion is that not everything about water has to be difficult, and the bill deserves support. South Suburban Sanitary District and other supporters of the legislation have provided straightforward and compelling justification for the bill. It should become law.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
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