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On Behalf Of: Ducks Unlimited, Inc

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

Measure: HB2765

Ducks Unlimited supports passage of H.B. 2765. This bill would provide an effective approach to supplementing water supplies for the Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge. Wetlands are proven to provide a wide range of multiple benefits to birds, wildlife, fish, and people. Wetlands in the Klamath Basin are largely ignored in their ability to help address the Basin's challenges.

Ducks Unlimited supports efforts such as H.B. 2765 that work to support wetlands in their ability to provide water quality improvements, aquifer recharge, fish and wildlife habitat, recreation, and many more. Ducks Unlimited, a 501(c)3 non-profit is the world's leader in wetland conservation, and the Klamath Basin is one of our highest continental priorities. Wetlands must be part of the long-term solution for the Basin. Lower Klamath and Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuges are key foundational wetland resources to this end but are in desperate need of reasonable, solution-oriented, no-cost approaches to supplementing their water supplies; such as those provided by H.B. 2765.

Thank you for your consideration.

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