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On Behalf
Of:

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

Measure: HB4128

I support HB 4128. City water infrastructure across Oregon needs upgrading, and small towns especially cannot afford the high costs associated with these upgrades.

In Yamhill County alone, each city has a long list of needed upgrades and another list of future-proofing work. Much of this work impedes or will impede housing development if it doesn't happen now or soon. That does not include the rural water associations, districts, and cooperatives, who often struggle even more with capital improvements. Yamhill County Commissioners distributed a significant portion of our federal ARPA money to cities and water associations for their needs, and we used a similar prioritization method to what Rep Gomberg and Rep McIntire have used to score these projects.

So many more communities need projects funded, but this is an important start. Thank you for your support.