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**Board of Directors** 

<u>District Manager/Secretary</u> Brett Blofsky

Representative Ken Helm, Co-Chair Representative Mark Owens, Co-Chair Committee Members House Committee on Agricultural, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Subject: Support for HB 2169

Dear Co-Chairs Helm, Owens, and Committee Members:

My name is Brett Blofsky, District Manager for South Suburban Sanitary District (SSSD) here in Klamath Falls and I offer this testimony in support of HB 2169.

In drought-damaged communities like ours, Water Reuse can play an integral role to help restore the habitat and lands that are relied on by hundreds of thousands of migratory birds, fish, and other wildlife. Additionally, Water Reuse can also have a very positive effect on our agricultural community which provides food not only locally, but throughout Oregon and the rest of the United States.

Water is one of the most important natural resources we have, and we should be finding innovative ways to maximize every drop within our communities. We should all be actively pursuing the Water Reuse concept in every community by dedicating resources to take this critical step to maximize these benefits. I strongly believe this bill will provide communities with a road map to follow to achieve that goal.

I respectfully encourage you to vote YES on HB 2169.

Sincerely,

Brett Blofsky District Manager South Suburban Sanitary District