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Co-Chairs Helm and Owens  
House Agriculture, Land Use and Water Committee  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Co-Chairs Helm, Owens and Members of the Committee:

The Special Districts Association of Oregon represents approximately 950 districts across the state. Our membership is composed of 32 different types of districts, several of whom provide drinking water to the citizens of our state. The League of Oregon Cities, representing 241 cities across the state. The Oregon Association of Water Utilities is a nonprofit, independent association of water and wastewater utilities established in 1977 to represent water utilities' interests in the state legislature and provide onsite technical assistance. Combined, our three associations provide municipal drinking water and wastewater services to most of the citizens in Oregon and we would like to express our support for HB 3341.

Several communities across the state struggle with source protection. In recognition of this challenge, the assembly created the OWEB Drinking Water Source Protection Program in 2023. This program plays a critical role in assisting communities to protect lands near their sources of drinking water. Whether through the voluntary purchase of lands or creating easements, protecting source waters from sedimentation is a proven method to reduce treatment costs and other challenges that result from run-off.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments and we urge the committee to support this important measure.

Sincerely,

Michael Martin, League of Oregon Cities  
Mark Landauer, Special Districts Association of Oregon  
Jason Green, Oregon Association of Water Utilities