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On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon OPPOSES HB 3121
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3121

I OPPOSE [HB 3121].

[HB 3121] initiates an additional hiring program for the "Non-profit Corporation- Oregon Association of Water Utilities [<https://oawu.net/>]."

The OAWU has a robust Membership and offers several needed services and yet the organization gives Testimony to Support [HB 3121].

Was there any competitive bidding for the [\$2,500,000] allocation?

From the TEXT of [HB 3121], "... (a) Provide technical assistance, or enter into a contract with a third party to provide technical assistance, to address the needs and vulnerabilities of small and very small community water systems..."

What is the identity of the "Third Party?"

What is the process and justifications to sub-contract with the Third Party?

What happens when the [\$2,500,000] is exhausted?

Will all the rural and small communities' water needs and infrastructures be funded?

Too many unanswered questions.

The State of Oregon should have created and funded a "RESTRICTED USE FUND" to address the water needs infrastructure and protections of water sources of the small communities et cetera.

Instead, Oregon just throws taxpayer dollars to the wind, with callous indifference and without the slightest regards to meeting the needs of all the rural and small communities' drinking water and infrastructure requirements in a timely and thorough professional manner.

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