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On Behalf Of:

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Natural Resources

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Hello,

My name is Craig Lacy and I have been involved in water related issues in Central and Eastern Oregon for 40 years. I was a participant to the Oregon Integrated Resource Strategy in 2012 and the Lower John Day Place Based Planning for about 8 years. I was chairman of the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council at its inception. The reason I mention that is because in my experience, OWRD has been underfunded for years. They don't have the resources to properly manage the waters of the state. Without proper data collecting ability and field personnel they can't make the right decisions in a timely manner. How much water is being used and when, is critical information they often don't have.

I am in favor of much of this legislation but not section 090 that would reduce the funding for data collection.

Thank you,  
Craig Lacy