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On Behalf Of:

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Natural Resources

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Topic:

Chairs Frederick, Levy and members of the committee,
I'm Clair Klock, retired farmer and conservation specialist from Corbett. I urge your support for the OWRD budget for the next biennium. I know know only too well the gravity of the water crisis in Oregon, having had my well decrease in function to be essentials unusable. I have also observed over the past 30 past the decline in groundwater aquifers and surface volumes as a conservation specialist in Clackamas county. I also took great interest in the Harney basin problem as it is just one large example of water problems in this state. I usually don't have this long a testimony, I don't like to be redundant. I couldn't stay a example in the submitted comments that fit my concern.

I am particularly concerned by the suggestion to cut data collection by the Governor in Package 90. I recommend adding back evapotranspiration funding (\$114K), Agrimet funding (\$100K), gaging station funding (\$272K), and water measurement cost share funds (\$66K).

My first and ongoing question since I testified on the first OR Water Integrated Water Resource Plan in 2012 has been "How can we manage a product(water resource) without knowing how much we have?" What business doesn't know what their inventory is and how much is being distributed. That hasn't been done in Oregon and OWRD is trying to do just that.

Thank you for you attention.