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Wildfire
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I SUPPORT [SB 845]. When is Oregon going to pay off its' severe and disgraceful indebtedness?

From the TEXT of [SB 845], "... (5) The price of an acquisition under subsection (2) of this section shall be determined by agreement between the incumbent water utility and acquiring water utility or entity, subject to a determination by the commission that the price is fair and reasonable. If the incumbent water utility and acquiring water utility or entity are unable to reach an agreement on the price of the acquisition, the commission may issue an order directing the acquiring water utility or entity to acquire the incumbent water utility by following the procedures for exercising the power of eminent domain under ORS chapter 35...."

The aforementioned Text of [SB 845] is reasonable up to the point of "... the commission may issue an order directing the acquiring water utility or entity to acquire the incumbent water utility by following the procedures for exercising the power of eminent domain..."

"Eminent Domain" is nasty business.

Review: [ORS Chapter 35]: [https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_chapter_35]

[SB 845] appears reasonable and protects the water customer's health and access to reasonably priced potable water.

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