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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3573

I strongly OPPOSE HB3573 that will appropriate taxpayer money from the General Fund to the Water Resources Department for purposes relating to water resources data collection and monitoring.

This bill strips hardworking citizens who paid thousands of personal funds for their well water infrastructure and maintenance of their right to privacy on their own property. This is government overreach at its best and will result in higher utility costs, something Oregon has a deplorable record in maintaining affordable utilities for its citizens. Oregon has no business spending taxpayer money on collecting data on wells privately owned, another example of the misuse of taxpayer funds. This is just the beginning of diverting or taxing water from rural homeowners, small farms and private well owners for the State of Oregon to manipulate for their own use in supporting "special political projects"; e.g. data centers, high tech expansion, etc. all in the pursuit of free Federal tax dollars or their own political ego gain.

Please vote "NO" on HB3573 as I strongly OPPOSE the this bill that many perceive as theft of citizen funds and rights to privacy.