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I am a farmer and resident in the Dundee Hills of the Willamette Valley. Nearly everybody where I live and work relies on wells for their water. Most wells in my area are dropping which is obviously disconcerting for those of us who rely on them. We farm our vineyards without irrigation but we need water in the winery to process the grapes and make the wine which we sell to pay for all of the grapes that are harvested here. So knowing what is transpiring below ground with the aquifers that we are drawing from is of paramount importance. This bill is an attempt to address these concerns and so I urge you all to support it for the sake of our farms up and down the Willamette Valley and throughout the state of Oregon.