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House Bill 3800 is totally erroneous and ABSOLUTELY defies Oregon Water Code(Adjudicated Water Law) 0f 1909. The simple Common Sense Solution to depleting underground aquifers in the Harney Basin as well as other water limited basins is to simply apply the "First in Time, First in Right". Therefore Irrigation Wells that were drilled later in time and that are in a Basin where ground water static levels are validated as having or are dropping, will be NOT allowed to extricate(pump) ground water until those water tables(static level) increase to previous/historic levels.

I am TOTALLY opposed to House Bill 3800

Sincere Thanks for this opportunity for my Eastern Oregon Food Producer's voice to be heard.

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