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Co Chairs Helms, Owens, and members of the Committee.

Thank you for hearing my public testimony today. I would like to say that I fully support this bill as written.

As stated in the meeting, I am in FULL SUPPORT of giving OWRD the funds needed to fund the well construction program. I firmly believe that It is in the best interest of Oregonians, and our precious water resource that we have both technical review, and on site inspections. I feel that the necessity is without question vital to proper, and safe drinking water, and the protection of our Groundwater supply.

I would like to point out a Statute.

OARS 537.110

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF WATERS. All water within the state from all sources of water supply belongs to the public.

I feel that this should be a priority both immediately and for the future generations, and should be of utmost importance to all Oregonians to preserve and protect the groundwater supply by funding this bill.

Thank you all for your time! CJ Nugent Nugent Drilling Co. LLC WWC License # 1974