

Submitter: Roxanne Formby

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1154

To the Members of the Oregon State Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 1154, a sweeping piece of legislation that overreaches government authority, threatens private property rights, and imposes unreasonable financial burdens on Oregonians who rely on wells and septic systems.

This bill fundamentally alters how water rights and land use are regulated, allowing the government to:

Restrict water access for private well owners and require costly compliance measures with no financial assistance.

Prohibit property development unless connected to city water services, effectively devaluing rural and undeveloped land.

Mandate well abandonment, alteration, or replacement at property owners' expense—potentially costing \$10,000 to \$50,000+ per well.

Impose fines of \$2,000 plus daily penalties for non-compliance, punishing landowners for simply using their own water.

Grant authorities the right to enter private property for inspections, infringing on property rights and due process.

This bill does not serve the people of Oregon—it serves a government agenda to control water, land use, and private property. It would devastate rural communities, farmers, and landowners who depend on wells and septic systems.

I urge you to reject SB 1154 in its entirety. This is a blatant overreach that disregards our constitutional rights and places an unfair financial burden on Oregonians. Our water, our land, and our rights are not for sale.

Respectfully,
Roxanne Formby