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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1154

I am opposed to SB1154.

It is in opposition to our private property rights.

It's adding needless beauracratc expenses and red tape for anyone getting their water supply from non- municipal sources as well as for municipal sources of water.

It isn't based on sound science but on the whimsy of what the governmental water agencies "believe" to be water contamination. Even if not a certifiable amount of harmful contamination according to national or other standards.

This could bankrupt cities that occasionally already have contaminant issues at lower standards.

This has the potential to make homeowners have to abandon their homes and move or pay thousands of dollars to hook up to a different water supply that might not be nearby. This seems insane when Oregon already has a housing crisis.

Oregon did have some of the best water laws in the country but legislation like this and others that have been proposed or passed in the last few years are tearing that good water structure apart. The more unnecessary rules you create, the more lawsuits will be filed against the water resources department. This department already has to spend so much money on lawsuits that they can't afford to hire enough expert staff to keep track of water in the state under the current laws.

Quit messing with things that are not broken just so it sounds like you're heroes saving the water. This bill is not heroic and will not make the water better but it will create hardships for agriculture, home owners, and municipalities.

Please vote NO on this frivolous bill.