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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3372

Members of the House Committee: OWRD estimates that all the domestic wells (88% of the number of wells in OR) in the state use only 4% of the groundwater pumped out of the ground for any reason, while irrigation water rights holders (7% of the wells) use 82% of the water pumped out of the ground for any reason. These are the smallest users in the system and account for a tiny portion of overall use. Now, with produce prices likely to rise, it is time to allow small farmers to feed their communities and support themselves within the reasonable exempt uses we already have.

Kind regards,
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