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This bill is an attack on the rural property owners of this state. The owners of properties that contain wells have paid to create the well and to maintain the well. The state has not paid a dime on these well. Yes, taxpayers pay to maintain and provide city water, but no taxpayer money has been used in private wells. This is theft by the state to now charge these owners for use of the water that they paid for and maintain. Not only that but your bill allows the state to enter the property without permission (that is trespassing) and to shut off the water that homeowners need to survive. We all need water to survive. I am not sure what you are trying to accomplish with this bill. But if you think that property owners can afford this nightmare, along with the ever-increasing costs of electricity, then you are mistaken. You will be pricing many Oregonian families out of the homes that they have lived in for decades or even generations. And if you think they will move into Oregon Cities you are also mistaken. They will move out of state taking their time, talent, and resources with them, as a state that would do this to their citizens does not deserve to have those citizens. Also, many of you (State Senators and Representatives) complain that we do not have enough affordable housing. Yet here again you are doing something that will increase the costs of housing. Not only for those who live on the properties with wells pricing them out of the market, but you will also be increasing the costs on renters. Because if someone who has one of these properties has renters, they will pass the costs onto the renters as any wise business individual would. Thus, rent in rural areas will go up dramatically. This bill is a "solution" in search of a crisis. In fact, this bill is no solution at all instead it will create a crisis. This bill seems to indicate that you hate your rural citizens. Passing this bill will destroy rural Oregon.