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I have lived on property with a well for 32 years. I have invested a lot of money to maintain the well. The cost of running the well continues to increase every year because this State approves the increase in our electricity bill. As retired individuals, my wife and I are on a fixed income. We cannot continue to afford all the different increases that this current legislature is proposing. We especially cannot afford this increase and many in rural Oregon will suffer because of this bill. We have a God given right to water. All the fees were paid to the proper authority to create this well (that was before I purchased the property). We maintain the well. The state does nothing for it. The state is owed nothing for it. This is an unjust taking of property and a God given right. The state does not create the water God does. If you pass this bill, then my family and I will highly consider moving out of a state we love because we just cannot afford it anymore. I am sure my family is not the only one. You are creating a reverse Oregon Trail. It seems that the only thing this current legislature thinks I and other citizens like me are good for is our wallet, that you want to reach into and pull out our hard-earned dollars. You are making it hard for us to respect you.