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I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB 1154 AN THE AMENDMENT.

Amendment -1 amounts to sweeping overhaul of Oregon's groundwater policy, threatening local decision-making, property rights, and transparency. This amendment grants unelected agencies excessive power to inspect private property, restrict rural development, and impose mandates without clear scientific evidence or due process. Farmers, homeowners, and rural communities will bear the brunt of these bureaucratic overreaches.

There is no meaningful checks or opt-outs provided to local governments or citizens. Once declared a "ground water management area," local landowners are subject to mandates with limited appeal or due process.

Targets farmers without guarantees of scientific accuracy. Agricultural operations are heavily implicated that opens the door for regulatory overreach that punishes land stewards who have not been proven to contribute to the problem.