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Oregon Senate Bill 1154 represents an overreach of government authority that threatens the fundamental rights of private property owners and farmers. This legislation grants the state unprecedented power to regulate, tax, and even restrict access to privately owned wells, undermining the autonomy of individuals who rely on these resources for their livelihoods and daily needs. By allowing state officials to enter private property without permission and potentially seize control of water access, SB 1154 disregards personal freedoms and sets a dangerous precedent for erosion of property rights. Furthermore, the additional burdens it places on well owners—such as potential taxation and restrictive regulations—could devastate rural communities and agricultural operations already struggling to thrive. I strongly oppose SB 1154 and urge lawmakers to reject this bill in favor of policies that respect individual rights and support Oregon’s hardworking citizens...