

Testimony opposing bill SB 1154

To members of the Oregon Legislative Assembly

Subject: Opposition to SB 1154

Dear members:

SB 1154's unclear language regarding areas designated as a groundwater quality concern, poses a heightened concern for me, in that it could designate the entire state as such an area. This area designation would encompass all well owners and users to the severe protocols and procedures outlined. The greatest concern for me is this bill challenges the rights of landowners with restrictions of how they choose to utilize their land. If passed, this bill restricts the landowner in changes to property or development.

I consider this proposed legislation unacceptable, in that such an overreach threatens countless Oregon landowners, with wells established on these properties.

This bill, totaling over 80 pages encompasses many complex topics interrelated to water, septic systems and property rights. The language of the bill has me concerned; will all citizens fully grasp and understand its implications? I think the intricacies of this proposed bill conceals its potential costs to all Oregon land and well owners.

Please take the time to consider SB 1154's potential negative impacts on the lives and rights of Oregonians. I ask you reject SB 1154.

Thank you for your time and consideration.