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Hands off of our wells and well water. We do not need government to intervene in the affairs of private well owners. This bill is a disaster for homeowners and property owners in Oregon. This bill authorizes warrantless inspections of private property and allows government to enter private property without owners consent to conduct inspections for environmental data in designated groundwater areas. Such entry "without permission" is a direct violation of privacy and property rights and is likely unconstitutional under the Fourth Amendment and Oregon law. Secondly, the bill gives the state power to restrict, regulate, or even shut down private wells in affected areas. For example, counties would be empowered to prohibit development of any new housing unless it's connected to an approved urban water supplier community well effectively banning new private wells for homes in these areas this practice could force rule property owners to abandon or alter existing wells and mandate, expensive connections to city water systems, if available. We cannot have this. NO TO THIS BILL.