

SB 1154 proposes to take existing rights away from Oregonians who own wells and prohibit building outside of cities. This would decrease property values, who pays when this occurs?

SB 1154 will negatively affect ALL Oregonians with higher food and utility costs. No more farmers markets or affordable fresh locally grown food.

SB 1154 reflects government overreach

Once the state takes control of private water rights, controls its use, invades private property to make inspections, charges by meter measures, and pipes irrigation canals, along with other requirements created by the state powers that be, it will become economically dependent upon the water control related income stream to bolster government budgets.

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OWRD has been underfunded for years and hasn't had the ability or resources to enforce existing water laws. Can we not start by enforcing our existing laws? This would help determine whether there are issues that require changes or modifications to Oregon laws in a more thoughtful manner instead of more financial burden to Oregon families, farms, ranches, and businesses?

Proposals in SB 1154 reflect a gerrymandered power grab by special interest groups that neither represent nor care about Oregonians or their welfare.