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Good Afternoon,

I am opposed to this bill. First and foremost, I am opposed to any restriction on our private property rights. The water on our property is our water. We have spent a lot of money in the 36 years we have owned our property to have a water system that gives us good, safe drinking water. That infrastructure does not belong to the state of Oregon. Having the state come in and take over our well and make us put a meter on it (and pay for it) and then demand payment for the water we draw from it is so completely wrong. Even if I could imagine a scenario where that would make sense, my husband and I are in the process of retiring and will soon be on a fixed income. We could never afford to shoulder that cost. We would be at risk of losing our property. There have to be other solutions to the water issues faced by our great state that do not involve taking our property rights away. I ask that you reconsider how to find the solution that is needed for the water issues facing Oregonians. Thank you for reading my testimony.