

Submitter: Kelly White
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1154
To Whom It May Concern;

I oppose SB1154. I am a private well owner, on my own private property. When I purchased the property in 2020, I understood that I was not responsible for the water being pumped through my personal well. I have maintained all equipment, pumps, water softeners, salt machines, towers and filters as necessary. I do NOT want and do NOT approve of the State deciding what I do with the private well that was drilled on my private land. This is complete overreach. There is no need for the State to oversee residential private wells. 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 and ignorance at its worst.

OWRD has been underfunded for years and hasn't had the ability or resources to enforce existing water laws.

Why 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 thoughtful manner. Instead, proposals in SB 1154 reflect a gerrymandered power grab by special interest groups that neither represent nor care about Oregonians or their welfare.

Kindly,

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