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Chair Golden, Vice Chair Nash, members of the comittee Part 2 of my testimony.

F. Not allowing counties to approve building permits without hooking up to city water is just terrible. As stated in my last testimony, these areas are known, and water treatment is available for a reason. NOTHING SHOULD BE IN THIS BILL RESTRICTING BUILDING FOR ANY REASON.

G. In my opinion, this bill could lead to many of these areas based around quality issues very quickly in this state due to intrepretation of these statute changes. I do believe my opinion is not far of on this, and to prove this, I will quote Chandra on her most recent interview...

"We know or have reason to believe there are contamination problems in other parts of the state that are not currently GWMA's." (OPB Article 4/9/25)

This bill will absolutely become a way to determine other areas..which if all of these things listed above (A-G) are not omitted, now we have large portions of this beautiful state that are unbuildable without running city water.

Also, If the wording is not taken out in any amendment moving forward about gallons per day, it could easily be a slippery slope to needed water meters and reporting...very quickly. I only say that because this wording was in the ORIGINAL BILL. while not adopted...the thought was there, and it is not right.

I encourage anyone that is still reading this testimony to look up the City of Corvallis dumping 37 million gallons total in one year of RAW untreated sewage in the Wilamette River in 2018. This has been going on for decades. My father stopped water skiing in the 70's in the Wilamette due to raw sewage floating in the river in which he was skiing. THIS IS A DIRECT POLUTOR. I do not see any wording in this bill to fix that issue...To be clear, they did get a fine (25,800\$)...but it keeps happening. 33 MILLION GALLONS in one year. How many private septic systems does that add up to. This is ONE city...close to one of the current GWMA's.

Lastly, currently there are 3 of these areas. One of these areas is very close to both my well drilling business, and my residence. I have friends that live in this area (Southern Wilamette Valley) that have wells. THIS WILL HURT THEM DRASTICALLY. Therefore, I encourage ANY part of this bill SPECIFICALLY address the basins in question. Not change wording to all 3 areas and potentially many more. Most of the people in this basin are farmers, ranchers, and smaller residences.

In moving forward with this bill:

I recommend getting industry involved for the technical side of things... REPUTABLE Well Constructors, Water Treatment specialists, and septic professionals, make a taskforce, and bring something PRODUCTIVE to the table on how to address these issues.

INDUSTRY WANTS TO HELP IF YOU LET THEM.

Stay clear from language that can alter property rights, well rights, septic rights, and other rights.

I firmly believe that If we can first address bad well issues, I 100% feel that we can slow if not stop the spread. Improperly sealed wells are direct pathways for nitrates and other contaminants to enter the ground water aquifers. We have been shown this time and time again with PROOF....

In these circumstances customers calls and says "my water gets dirty when it rains" - --the seal has failed. We abandon the well, drill a new one AND THE PROBLEM IS SOLVED. It is doing the same thing with surface water contamination.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE I recommend we give this bill some serious thought and can get funding behind it to fix these wells. I respectfully believe we cannot achieve a good bill in such a short timeline left of session. If this bill cannot address these issues with monies to back it up, I firmly believe it should die in committee...Please do not rush a poorly written bill for the sake of an emergency.

Without seeing a -2 amendment, I FIRMLY Oppose this bill as written.

Thank you for your time.

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