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On Behalf Of:
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Wildfire
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Topic:

I am writing with great concern to oppose HB 1154-1. This bill may have started with good intentions but with amendment pages, it has spiraled into a behemoth of government overreach. Section 17 empowers counties to bar residential dwellings in Ground Water Management Areas, seriously impacting the ability of property owners to utilize their own property. Section 17 also gives alarming power to the DLCD to write open-ended rules dictating locations that counties MUST ban new dwellings EVEN outside GWMA's. Section 19 clearly is a violation of the Constitution's Fourth Amendment as it gives the DEQ the "authority" to enter private property with very few limitations, apparently Democrats believe no warrant is needed for the State of Oregon to go anywhere they deem necessary. This bill should not be advanced out of committee.

Please vote NO on HB 1154-1.