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Support HB 5006 to provide resources for monitoring and reporting of problems with water quality and water use and water needs throughout Oregon. There are too many industries, such as Factory Farms and Wood Pellet Production that greatly impact both use of water and the water pollution that occurs from these industries and others, such as effects of timber harvests on watershed areas. We need data for water protections. Legislation and Legislators and local officials need this data to guide their actions to decide to allow or to refuse permitting of such industries and timber harvesting. There needs to be data to evaluate the impact on waterways and water quality. The role of monitoring both water use, water quality and the water use impacts to watersheds, helps guide use and impacts of various human activities. Data helps guide permitting. This bill will also help testing and monitoring, and will help identify needs for enforcement of water quality enforcement. What measures are needed for realistic enforcement of strategies that reduce or eliminate harm to water and increasing enforcement of measures to prevent harm.

Thank you for your support of this bill to help this as a foundation to begin both prevention and reduction of harms to our watershed, water supply and water quality.

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