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Chair Golden, Vice Chair Nash and Members of the Senate Committee On Natural
Resources and Wildfire:

I'm submitting this testimony today in opposition to HB 3372. At first glance, this bill might appear to be harmless. However, that's not the case. It basically gives new water rights to users and allows them to commercialize and sell their products without even making sure the aquifer in their areas can handle the extra usage. There are no guardrails or rules put in to insure the user is only irrigating 1/2 acre and using 3000 gallons a day. That they will not be severely impacting other farmers, neighbors wells, wildlife and the environment.

At a time when Oregon has over allocated it's ground water use, and now has several areas that are being impacted, you are incentivising way more water usage. This is the wrong direction for Oregon to go.