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We strongly oppose this bill.

We chose to live in the country and chose to bear the financial responsibility of owning and operating our own water system consisting of a well with electric pump and other associated water treatment and distribution system. We pay an electric bill to PGE to run that system to get water to our home. The total cost is not far from that which we paid City of Silverton and/or the City of Canby when we lived in those towns. The difference is responsibility in times of a failure. We, ourselves are responsible for costs associated with a failure.

This bill essentially makes us pay a governmental agency to get water to our home in addition to the costs we already bear - however, that agency has ZERO responsibility to maintain or respond in an emergency to get keep or get our water going again.

There is already a significant amount of bureaucracy associated with owning and operating a well. Why are we adding more and then charging for adding bureaucracy?

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