

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB1154

I am writing as a concerned resident of Central Oregon to urge you to oppose SB1154 and

any similar legislation that would impose new fees, metering requirements, or state control over private wells and future well drilling. You continue to welcome businesses that use millions of gallons daily yet try to drive us the low to mid income class out of our homes. identical bill—HB3419—was recently introduced in the House but was withdrawn after widespread public opposition. It is deeply disappointing to see such proposals resurfacing in the Senate. My family and I have personally invested tens of thousands of dollars to bring safe, reliable well water to our home. Like many rural Oregonians, we are not connected to a municipal water supply and rely entirely on our well for daily living. These costs are entirely paid by homeowners and farmers, not the State. To now add fees or impose state controls on these privately funded water sources is both unjust and unnecessary.

These measures risk creating undue financial and regulatory hardship for families and small farms throughout our region. Please keep a close eye on these water bills and strongly oppose SB1154 and any other efforts that seek to increase government oversight or costs associated with private wells. I urge you to stand with your constituents and protect our right to maintain access to the water sources we have responsibly developed and maintained.

We have worked hard, paid exuberant permit fees, and have played by the rules. I urge you to stand with your fellow hard working Oregonians and vote no on SB1154

Thank you