

I oppose this bill and all amendments. Rural landowners realize that groundwater from wells often needs to be treated for natural contaminants just as residents on city water realize that the river water needs to be treated before coming into their homes. There are modern filtration options to accomplish this for landowners.

I am strongly opposed to an interagency team to add another layer of cost and regulations to already overburdened rural property owners. This is unnecessary and unwanted government overreach.

The Oregon Business and Industry Research and Education Foundation just released an independent study of Oregon and, “as of 2023, Oregon was the seventh most heavily regulated state in the nation”. Some of the other notable findings from this study:

- Oregon has 224,000 state-imposed regulatory restrictions.
- Oregon has 57% more environmental rules than the average state.
- 50% of Oregon's regulations are duplicative or burdensome.

(Source: OBI Capitol Connect Newsletter June 9, 2025)

This bill uses the guise of resource protection to continue the overregulation of the citizens of this state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Helen Gill