

Submitter: Susan Mates

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4006

Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, members of the Committee:

Please oppose HB 4006. Oregon's waters belongs to us all. Exempting irrigators on the Columbia sets a dangerous precedent.

We are in drought conditions. This is not the time to expand irrigated agricultural area. Our federally listed salmon and steelhead need that water, and all of us need to protect these resources. These proposed changes may also increase the risk of additional nitrates in groundwater. Sidestepping state standards ties the hands of regulators.

Please oppose this bill.

Thank you for considering the issues carefully and doing what is best for all of us.

Sincerely,