



To: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
900 Court Street NE Salem, OR

Date: February 9th, 2026

Sub: Testimony in opposition to HB 4006

To: Co-chairs Helm and Owens, and members of the committee,

For the record, my name is Eliza Walton. I am the coalition director at OLCV. The Oregon Conservation Network (OCN) is coordinated through the Oregon League of Conservation Voters (OLCV). It is a network of not-for-profit organizations throughout Oregon, united to advocate for pro-conservation legislation and to fight policies that threaten our state's natural legacy.

I would like to testify in opposition to HB 4006 and to state that HB 4006 has been designated a Major Threat to a Healthy Oregon by the Oregon Conservation Network. If passed, this bill would exempt select irrigators from Oregon's permit amendment and transfer laws, fundamentally change water right management of Columbia River surface water rights from river miles 252 to 303, and set a dangerous precedent for the rest of the state. HB 4006 raises concerns over its impact on water right holders, ground water quality, public health, and imperiled Columbia River salmon and steelhead.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eliza Walton".

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