

Submitter: Sandy Thompson

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 water belongs to the public. Exempting irrigators in one area of the state from important water laws that every other farmer in Oregon must adhere to is unwise for many reasons.

This bill undermines Oregon Water Resources Department's ability to manage over 700,000 acres of irrigated agriculture and sets a dangerous precedent. There are also concerns about the effect of increased agriculture, i.e. nitrate, for groundwater quality of the Lower Umatilla Basin Ground Water Management Area.

Thank you for your consideration. And please oppose this bill.

Sincerely,
Sandy Thompson