

WATER LEAGUE

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February 10, 2026

To: House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
Representative Ken Helm, Co-Chair
Representative Mark Owens, Co-Chair
Representative Sarah Finger McDonald, Vice-Chair
Representatives Court Boice, Jami Cate, Annessa Hartman, Bobby Levy,
Pam Marsh, Susan McLain, Lesly Muñoz, Anna Scharf

RE: Water League opposes HB 4006.

Dear Co-Chair Helm, Co-Chair Owens, Vice-Chair Finger McDonald, and
Committee Members,

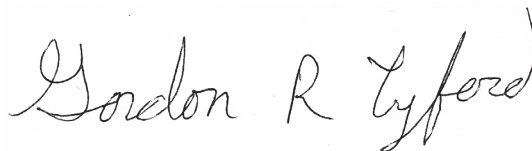
Water League opposes HB 4006, which substantially privatizes water use management for a special class of water users in the Umatilla Basin, specifically defined as the region adjacent to the Columbia River, river miles 252 to 303. Among other features of the bill, we oppose exempting these water users from the Chapter 540 Water Right Transfer statutes and extending irrigation district controls to intergovernmental entities formed under ORS 190.

Water League will submit full-length testimony should HB 4006 advance to another committee in which a public hearing is held on the bill. In the event the bill advances and another public hearing is not held, we will nonetheless publicize our forthcoming comments on the matter.

Sincerely,



Christopher Hall
Executive Director



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