

Submitter: Kelcey Young

On Behalf
Of:

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

Measure: HB3125

Dear Chair Helm and Committee Members:

The City of Sweet Home is in crisis and this bill could very positively impact our community. Our wastewater treatment plant is in desperate need of being rebuilt and we are already under fire with DEQ. Our wastewater treatment plant will cost close to \$60 million, a price tag that has doubled since we originally started this process before Covid. Inflation and supply chain costs have created an astronomical price tag that will directly impact our community. We are trying to fund it through loans and grants, but we are looking at least a \$30 dollar rate increase to our monthly water bills, which the majority of our residents cannot afford. We implore you to move forward with providing assistance to residents for whom these rates could mean the difference between having drinking water and buying groceries.

Thank you,

Kelcey Young

City Manager of Sweet Home