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

Subject: Support for [HB3526](#) - Home Buyer Protections; Seller to also Provide Results to DEQ

Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, and members of the committee,

For the record, my name is Rose Poton and I am the Water Justice Coordinator at Verde. Verde is a community-based organization whose mission is to build environmental wealth through organizing, advocacy, and social enterprise. We are writing to express support for HB 3526 which will strengthen buyer protections in real estate and create a pathway for Oregon to fill in critical data gaps related to domestic wells and groundwater.

HB 3526 is crucial for protecting homebuyers by ensuring they have access to well water test results before purchasing a property. Without this transparency, buyers could unknowingly face serious water quality issues that affect their health and financial stability. By providing a legal course of action when sellers fail to disclose this information, the bill strengthens consumer rights and promotes accountability in real estate transactions.

Additionally, HB 3526 will help Oregon address critical gaps in domestic well and groundwater data. Many rural communities rely on well water, yet limited statewide data makes it difficult to track contamination trends and safeguard public health. By improving data collection, this bill supports long-term water management, informing better policies to protect drinking water sources for generations to come.

We urge you to support HB 3526 to ensure that homebuyers receive the critical water quality information they need while also strengthening Oregon's ability to monitor and protect groundwater resources. This bill is a necessary step toward greater transparency, accountability, and public health protection.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Roselyn Poton, Water Justice Coordinator

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