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On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon OPPOSES HB 3527
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3527

I OPPOSE [HB 3527] It will not fix the problem for which it was created. When is Oregon going to pay off its' disgraceful indebtedness.

From the TEXT of [HB 3527], "...SECTION 1. (1) The Public Drinking Water and Sewer Ratepayer Assistance Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund.

...(2) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated the Housing and Community Services Department for the purposes set forth in subsection (3) of this section.

...(3) The department shall provide grants from moneys deposited in the fund to qualified organizations to distribute water and sewer bill payment assistance to low-income residential households.

...(a) Nonprofit community-based organizations, including but not limited to housing authorities and community action agencies;

...SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Housing and Community Services Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$11,000,000, for deposit in the Public Drinking Water and Sewer Ratepayer Assistance Fund established under section 1 of this 2025 Act."

*** [\$11,000,000] GENERAL FUND Taxpayer dollars (including my taxpayer dollars) is requested to further the unsustainable "Welfare State?"

***It is past time for Municipalities to enact serious and prolonged sewer hook-up moratoriums.

***The Oregon Legislators (not just you current folks alone) have permitted and continue to permit, encouraged, enabled and facilitated unbridled growth. Sewer and potable water systems upgrades have been neglected and or deferred for years. Now you are trying to hoist the burden of the Oregon Legislatures' congenital and or acquired incompetent decision making upon current taxpayers with [HB 3527].

*** [HB 3527] will do nothing but fuel the, "... (a) Nonprofit community-based organizations, including but not limited to housing authorities and community action agencies..."

***The sheer idiocy requiring Oregonian cities to grow way past their respective financial capacities, to address infrastructural needs and compounding financial issues related to the enabling and facilitating the mass numbers of Illegal Aliens

permitted by a seditious Legislature and Governor, is finally wreaking havoc on Oregon municipalities.

***Oregon Municipalities are pleading for their economic salvation and relief from the excessive economic burden of financing utility obligations of people who can no longer pay the bills and sewer and or potable water upgrades or entire replacements. And I (and my tax dollars and my neighbors) are to be generously used to plug a temporary fix? Not hardly. [HB 3527] Funds "Non-profit Organizations" to pay utility bills of others and not mine and my neighbors? GO POUND SALT!

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Mr. Oregon Concurs and says, "The Oregon Legislature's mephitic decisions often influence taxpayers to immediately flush them down a toilet but cannot, because they are unable to afford the utility bills to do so."