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The Honorable Gregory Smith

Oregon House of Representatives

District 57

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**REPRESENTATIVE SMITH FACILITATES FUNDING FOR**

**CLEAN WATER IN WEST GLEN NEIGHBORHOOD**

***SALEM, OR.* –**Today**, Representative Gregory Smith (R-Heppner)**, Co-Vice Chair of the Joint Ways and Means Committee, voted to approve critical funding for the West Glen Subdivision located in Boardman, Oregon.

The Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction passed [HB 5006](https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1/Measures/Overview/HB5006), which appropriates $2,861,000 to the Morrow Clean Water Consortium Nitrate Water Project in West Glen. The Morrow County Clean Water Consortium is an intergovernmental agreement between the Port of Morrow and Morrow County dedicated to funding, developing, and building projects that serve residences affected by the elevated nitrate levels in the Lower Umatilla Basin**. This funding will be used to connect West Glen to the City of Boardman, reducing reliance on unregulated and unreliable domestic wells.**

“Everyone has the right to clean air and safe, accessible water. This funding allocation marks a vital step toward ensuring that residents of West-Glen and the Greater Lower-Umatilla Basin have reliable access to clean water,” said Representative Gregory Smith.

As a member of the same committee, **House Republican Leader Drazan** **(R-Canby)** stated, “Representative Smith has been a tireless advocate for our shared Republican priorities, and his leadership on HB 5006 is a clear example of that commitment. He spearheaded efforts to ensure that critical investments reflect the values of our communities, chief among them, access to clean and safe water for every Oregonian. His work has made a real difference for rural families across the Umatilla Basin and beyond.”

Representatives of Morrow County were pleased to learn of the funding package. “Representative Greg Smith has been a steadfast advocate for Morrow County and our ongoing efforts to address water quality challenges. His leadership on this issue has brought critical resources to the table and reflects a deep commitment to the health and well-being of our communities,” said Morrow County Commissioner Jeff Wenholz.

“I am very happy this money has been awarded. As chairman of the Morrow County Clean Water Consortium, I can say we are looking forward to using these funds for actual infrastructure projects to help alleviate the nitrate drinking water problems in the county,” stated Morrow County Commissioner David Sykes.

Representative Greg Smith was elected to serve his thirteenth term as a State Representative, making him the longest-serving member in the Oregon Legislature, as well as the 4th longest-serving State Representative in Oregon history. He holds a gavel as the Co-Chair of the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on General Government. Representative Smith also serves as the Co-Vice Chair of the full Joint Ways and Means Committee. Additionally, he is the ranking member of the House Revenue Committee. To reach out, please visit Rep Smith's Facebook Page or send him an email at rep.gregsmith@oregonlegislature.gov.

Representative Greg Smith is the Republican budget leader who represents the entirety of Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman, Wheeler, and Wasco counties, as well as portions of Clackamas, Jefferson, Marion, and Umatilla Counties.

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