

# Rogue River Valley Irrigation District

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To: Senator Jeff Golden

Re: Floor Letter in Support of SB130, Extension of District Temporary Transfer Pilot Program

Dear Senator Golden, Vice-Chair Heard, and Members of the Committee:

Rogue River Valley Irrigation District is testifying in support of SB 130, which will extend a critical pilot program for fifteen districts, including ours.

Rogue River Valley Irrigation District is located in Southern Oregon and we service Central Point and parts of Medford, Eagle Point and White City. We provide irrigation for 9,122 acres and we have 1,391 Water Patrons. The majority of our Water Patrons have livestock, grow hay and alfalfa, fruits and vegetables and other crops.

There are many benefits of participating in temporary transfer program to our district, including: (Use/add as appropriate)

- Provides district with flexibility needed to best meet water needs within district
- More timely access for patrons to access available water for pending irrigation season
- Minimal paperwork for simple "on" and "off" transfers helps reduce regulatory burden
- Reduced expense to district and patrons from unnecessary application fees
- Provides beneficial use and protects water rights from non-use
- Optimizes limited water supplies for use by farmers and ranchers, increasing economic production and food supply stability

The district temporary transfer pilot program provides numerous benefits to our district and other districts around the state. We urge you to pass SB 130 and extend the program to 2030.

Thank you for your support of SB 130.

Sincerely,



Brian Hampson  
Secretary/Manager