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For the most part I support this bill, as conservation is obviously an issue in Oregon and as droughts become more common as a result of climate change. However, special attention was not given to other conservation issues, namely fish conservation and waterways restoration. Halting all new water rights to include “in-stream rights” without making a special carve out for fish conservation and habitat restoration is foolish and will cost Oregon, and neighboring states, in the long run. The bill should be amended to inculturation additional protections for waterway conservation and habitat restoration.