



Senate Committee on Natural Resources To:

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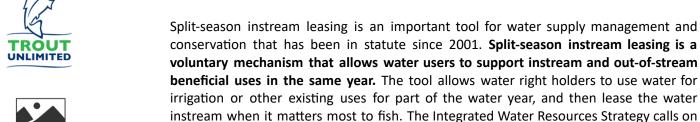
From: Oregon Water Partnership

RE: Support for HB 3164 – Removing Barriers to Instream Leasing of Water Rights

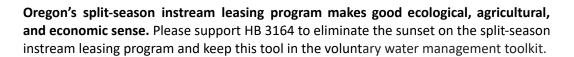
Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Girod, and Members of the Committee,



Oregon Water Partnership supports House Bill 3164, which simply eliminates the 2024 sunset on Oregon's split-season instream leasing program and removes a ten-year cap on participation. We are a diverse partnership of statewide conservation groups with a common goal: to advocate for balanced water policies that ensure cold clean water to sustain healthy communities, livelihoods, and ecosystems. Our priorities for the 2023 legislative session are to build resilience for Oregon's water future, bring water data into the 21st century, support smart water management, and protect and restore our waters.



the state to expand the use of voluntary programs to protect and restore streamflows; HB 3164 would do just that.



Sincerely,



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