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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire

Measure, Appointment or
Topic: SB427

Dear Chair Golden, Vice Chair Nash, and Members of the Committee,

I strongly support Senate Bill 427 and its goal to safeguard streamflows in water right transfers.

We need to close the loophole in Oregon law that allows the approvals of water right transfers without adequate consideration of whether the change will harm streamflows. Lower water levels in a stream can impact fish, diminish water quality, and hurt and recreation values.

I believe Senate Bill 427 will do a good job in safeguarding our streams. This fix closes a dangerous loophole and brings modern environmental values into Oregon's water right transfer review process.

I urge your support of SB 427.

Sincerely,
Mark Scantlebury