

Submitter: Barbara Taylor
On Behalf Of: River Enthusiasts
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3501

To Co-Chairs Helm and Owens,

I am writing in strong opposition to HB 3501. I am a lifetime Oregon native (72 years) and I was fairly well horrified to learn that any challenge to an agency decision by a watchdog organization, or a member of the public, will increase from \$950 to \$10,000. Such a move will erode fair and equitable representation.

I believe that Oregon should be doing more to protect the public interest in water right transfer decisions, not barring the state from considering impacts to fish and wildlife, water quality, and other public values.

I urge you to oppose HB 3501!

Sincerely,
Barbara L. Taylor