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On Behalf Of: public interest in Oregon's rivers  
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural  
Resources, and Water  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3501

Dear Co-Chair Helm and Co-Chair Owens,

I am writing in opposition to HB 3501.

I want Oregon to more aggressively protect the public interest in water right transfer decisions. This bill is the opposite! It prohibits Oregon the state from considering public values such fish and wildlife and water quality impacts when evaluating applications to change existing water rights. It also jacks up the cost for people to appeal decisions unreasonably

Water is precious and the public interest in our natural heritage must be weighed when making these decisions. Please oppose HB 3501. It's a bad bill.