

Submitter: Thomas Berridge  
On Behalf Of: River enthusiast  
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural  
Resources, and Water  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3501

Dear Co-Chairs Helm and Owens,

I am writing in opposition to HB 3501, a bill that moves the State of Oregon in the wrong direction. We need to do MORE to protect the public interest in water resources, not tie the hands of the state to regulate this increasing valuable natural resource. Water right transfers are an essential point in the system to make sure that impacts on water quality, stream flows and fish are reviewed and prioritized in any water right transfer. Please reject this attempt to block the public--the people of Oregon--from having our present and future water needs considered in this very important arena. Please oppose HB 3501! Thank you!