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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3501

As a river enthusiast and citizen of Oregon, I am opposed to HB3501. This bill would not allow for the public interest to be considered when making water rights transfer decisions. The use of rivers and streams of Oregon should be considered for the benefit of all its citizens, not just those with special interests. I enjoy Oregon rivers, both at a rafter, fisherwoman and hiker. It is important that decisions regarding our streams and rivers take into consideration the recreational and environmental impacts of water transfers. These decisions impact all of us, not only for this generation but for generations to come. 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,
Kathleen McNeill