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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3501

I am opposed to HB 3501. The state of Oregon should join other western states and protect the public interests and environmental protections in water rights transfers.

This bill is directly opposite of what Oregon should do. Oregon should consider the public interests such as water quality, fish and wildlife in considering transfers of water rights. The primary interests should be public rights and environmental rights. Water is important and will be even more so. As Mark Twain said “ whiskey is for drinking, water is for fighting.” This bill will not result in positive outcomes for the public, the environment or the state. Turn down this bill.