

Submitter: Stephanie Hayes

On Behalf Of:

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.

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. Transfers can have just as much of a negative impact on the public interest as new appropriations. Also, there is no good reason to increase the cost to challenge agency transfer decisions. Higher costs make it much more difficult for the public to have a voice so they are extremely unfair.

I urge you to oppose HB 3501!

Sincerely,
Stephanie Hayes