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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3501

I oppose HB 3501, because it allows state approval of water right changes without any environmental review. In fact it prohibits the state from considering the impacts of water right changes (transfers) on fish and wildlife habitat, water quality, cultures and other public interest values, and would impose a \$10,000 protest fee on certain 3rd parties who want to challenge a transfer. Why should those who want to change water rights be allowed to ignore the impacts these changes may have on other people, even including water quality? I live in an area where water supply could become a contentious issue due to continued development. Water, especially clean water, is not an inexhaustible resource, and it is essential to daily life. The rights of some should not outweigh the rights of others, especially concerning an issue as crucial as water. Please protect all of your constituents, not just some of them, and oppose this bill. Thank you