

Submitter: True Sims  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and  
Wildfire  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1153

Dear Chair Golden, Vice Chair Nash, and Members of the Committee,

I support Senate Bill 1153.

For way too long, an outdated loophole in Oregon law has allowed the Oregon Water Resources Department to approve applications for water right transfers without adequate consideration of whether the change will harm fish and wildlife or water quality.

I may not live in Oregon now, but I grew up there, and making sure that water right transfers will not harm fish, wildlife or water quality will always be important to me and my family both in Oregon and New York.

Senate Bill 1153 will ensure that fish, wildlife and water quality will be protected in water right transfers. This fix will close a dangerous loophole and bring modern environmental values into Oregon's outdated water right transfer review process.

I urge you to support SB 1153.

Thank you for your time, and thank you for supporting Oregon's rivers by supporting SB 1153 for rivers and fish,

Sincerely,

True Sims