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| On Behalf Of: | Fish and Fishing |
| Committee: | Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire |
| Measure, Appointment or Topic: | SB1153 |

Dear Chair Golden, Vice Chair Nash and Members of Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildlife,

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 1153 to consider fish, wildlife and water quality protection during Oregon Water Resources Department's review of water right transfers.

Managing Oregon's water resources will become more challenging in the years ahead with supply uncertainty and increasing demands. Water right transfers are an important means for redirecting supply to future needs. Throughout the years ahead, however, the reprioritization of water use must protect our natural resources to sustain them now and for future generations.

Thank you for considering my views.