

Submitter: Leslie Black
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. I support the protection of water quality for fish, recreation, and other vital uses. The existing 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.

Please pass Senate Bill 1153 to ensure that fish and wildlife and water quality will be protected in water right transfers. Oregon's outdated water right transfer review process needs to be revised to reflect the importance of protection of waterways. I urge you to support SB 1153. Thank you for your consideration.