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Adding a new standard to water right applications would set a bad precedent. It would have the potential to take water rights away or reduce their diversion rates from legal water right holders against the intent of their legally granted right to water for their legal use of their water right. Water rights in Oregon and the west have long been debated, litigated and fought over for more than a century and adding a new standard to gauge against the already long established uses and metrics adds more burden to the right of Oregonians to access waters of the state for already defined beneficial uses. The term beneficial is by its definition already to be in the public's interest for the water right.