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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:

We urge you to support Senate Bill 1153.

An outdated loophole in Oregon law has allowed the Oregon Water Resources Department to approve applications for water right transfers without adequate consideration of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.

Droughts, climate change, habitat loss, and increasing human developments are creating more and more demands on our water resources and on fish and other wildlife.

Senate Bill 1153 brings badly needed modern environmental values into Oregon's water right transfer review process.

We urge you to support SB 1153.

Sincerely,

Robert and Gretchen Pederson
Deschutes County residents